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Fun day to aid trek for Vicki

BARMAID Vicki Wootton hopes a fun day at the pub where she works will put her on the road to a fundraising trek.

The 26-year-old aims to pedal 400km across Kenya in five days to raise cash for the fight against breast, ovarian and cervical cancer.

Vicki, who lives with her parents in Hyperion Road, Stourbridge, is organising the fun day and barbecue at The Round Oak in Ounsdale Road, Wombourne, on Sunday (June 26) from midday to 5pm.

She said: "I had not ridden a bike for 10 years when I decided to sign up for this challenge just before Christmas and have been training like mad ever since, cycling up to 30 miles a day."

Action for Charity's Women V Cancer Cycle Kenya event takes place between February 19-28 next year to raise funds for Breast Cancer Care, Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust and Ovarian Cancer Action.

Vicki Wootton – bike challenge

The day at The Round Oak will feature market stalls, face painting, games and a bouncy castle.

Children aged three to 12 can enter a fancy dress competition.

Second fire attack on glassworks

THE historic former Stuart Crystal glassworks in the Black Country has been hit by a second arson attack in just five weeks.

The site in Wordsley is earmarked to become a £5million museum.

In the latest attack, wood was propped up against a wall in the basement of one of the six Grade II derelict buildings which make up the site, and set alight.

Around 10 per cent of the flooring was damaged in the blaze, at around 9.30pm on Sunday, but firefighters managed to avoid it spreading to the roof.

It is behind the building which was gutted in the last fire.

Two break-ins have also been reported at the site in recent weeks.

Crucial money bid over Mary Stevens Park plan

A £2.6MILLION plan to transform Stourbridge's historic Mary Stevens Park hinges on the success of a funding application being drawn up by council bosses, it has emerged.

Plans for the project, costing £2,671,180, will be funded mainly from a proposed application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Dudley Council will also put in a chunk of money towards the scheme.

The authority will have to stump up around £620,000 to move the plan a step closer to reality.

The Black Country council was successful in gaining a development grant of £116,100 from the Heritage Lottery Fund in December.

This cash will be spent on producing a second round bid for the remaining £2.6m.

Historic landmarks across the parkland, off Heath Lane, will be returned to their former glory should the application be successful.

Campaigns

Top priorities in the scheme include the restoration of the Heath House gardens and works to the entrance gates around the park.

The main Grade II listed Mary Stevens gates are in urgent need of restoration with both brick and ironwork in the feature showing signs of decay.

Campaigns led by Stourbridge Township Council have long argued for the Mary Stevens gates to be one of the priorities in any plans.

In a report to the council's Stourbridge Area Committee, officer Sally Orton says the second round application needs to be submitted by February 2013.

A project manager will be employed by the council to write the design brief and draw up the bid in the coming months.

Chairman of the Friends of Mary Stevens Park, Councillor Heather Rogers, said: "There was a lot of work put into the healthy hub scheme.

"Now we have to do more to secure the Heritage Lottery Fund bid."

Parking spaces face cut

THE number of parking spaces at a multi-storey car park in Stourbridge could be cut in the run-up to its closure.

The ageing 458-space multi-storey car park in Bell Street will be knocked down under plans to redevelop the Crown Shopping Centre in the town.

Work on a £50million revamp of the centre, including a new Tesco supermarket, is expected to start by early next year.

The seven-storey car park was originally earmarked for demolition several years ago after a study found that £4m would be needed to restore it.

Precise

Since then more than 50 spaces have been cordoned off to reduce wear and tear but bosses revealed that more may go over the coming months.

Councillor Patrick Harley, cabinet member for transportation, said: "We are still awaiting a precise start date for Tesco's multi-million pound regeneration project in the town, but we expect this to be towards the end of this year or the start of next year.

"Bell Street car park will close fully when this work gets under way.

"There is a possibility we may reduce the number of parking bays and therefore reduce the loading on the car park so it can continue to be used in the short-term until its demolition."

TASER GANG ROBS AIR CHARITY'S HQ

ROBBERS armed with a Taser snatched cash and a car when they raided the charity headquarters of the Midland Air Ambulance.

The three masked men burst into the office on the Enterprise Trading Estate off Pedmore Road, Brierley Hill at around 8.45am on Tuesday.

They threatened staff inside the offices with the Taser, although the weapon was not used.

No-one was injured, and the men ran from the premises with bags of money, and escaped in a grey Peugeot 308 car belonging to a member of staff.

Acting Detective Sergeant Chris Woodward, from the Sandwell and Dudley team of the force CID, said: "This is a serious and despicable crime.

"Staff had not long arrived at work when they were confronted with these men in the office.

"They were threatened by the men and had phones taken off them.

"The offenders then took money bags, containing cash that had been donated. As yet we do not have a definite amount that has been stolen; however, we believe the sum to be significant.

"Thankfully, no-one was hurt. However, all those involved were obviously upset and shaken by their ordeal.

"We urge anyone who saw a grey Peugeot 308 in the area after around 9.15am to come forward.

"We are yet to recover the vehicle so would be interested in hearing from anyone who may have seen such a car dumped or parked suspiciously."

Midlands Air Ambulance charity director Hanna Sebright said: "I find it hard to comprehend that people would commit such a violent crime and steal money from a life saving charity.

PURPOSE

"Dedicated people have gone to great lengths to raise money for the charity, and it is appalling that it will be unable to be used for the purpose of keeping the Air Ambulances in the air. This despicable act could actually cost people's lives."

The men were all described as black, in their 20s and had scarves over their faces. Anyone with information to help the police investigation is urged to contact Harborne police station on 0345 113 5000 or speak to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Place of rest for tragic babies

A POIGNANT dedication service is taking place on Sunday evening (June 26) to mark the opening of a baby memorial at a Wordsley church.

Holy Trinity Church, on High Street, will unveil its new remembrance garden following a fundraising campaign by parishioners. It will mark the final resting place for hundreds of stillborn babies, who were given unmarked graves from the 1930s to the 1970s.

The church was overwhelmed with donations to the appeal, with more than £3,000 raised. Rev Colin Jones, from Holy Trinity Church, said: "Over the years we have received many queries from parents wishing to know the resting place of their loved ones. The garden is in a lovely area of the grounds with beautiful views and we hope that we have made a peaceful place for families to sit and reflect."

A flowering tulip tree has been planted inside a wrought iron circular bench. The memorial is marked with a stone donated by Dudley stonemasons Jones, engraved with words from 17th century poet George Herbert. The garden will be opened by the Bishop of Dudley, the Right Rev David Walker after a service at 6.30pm.

The Rev Colin Jones in the memorial garden. Inset, the engraved stone

Lining up for dance class

A LINE DANCE teacher is looking for new members to step over to Norton and join his weekly class.

The sessions are held every Monday evening, from 7.15 until 8.45, at St Michael's Church hall, on Maynard Avenue, off the Broadway.

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Skateboard fun at 102, now the birthday girl tries out a C5 trike but is not impressed

Born 105 years ago, Madge Hart admits she is still game for a laugh – not to mention the odd challenge of riding a Sinclair C5 trike. JOHN NASH meets this remarkable birthday girl

Cheers – it's a sherry a day for Madge

Right on cue – Madge eyes up the ball in a family pool challenge

A new challenge at 105 – birthday girl Madge Hart tries the Sinclair C5, but it fails to impress

'Proper car' please as Madge hits 105

WHEN Madge Hart was 102 her grandchildren persuaded her to try her hand at skateboarding, so it was no surprise that when she celebrated her 105th birthday on Saturday she agreed to try out an unusual trike which made the headlines in the mid-80s – for all the wrong reasons.

Braving the showers, Madge took the seat of inventor Clive Sinclair's ill-fated C5 and gave a thumbs-up before declaring: "I've never learned to drive. Where's the steering wheel? What makes it go?"

Like the thousands who ridiculed the eco-friendly invention at the time of its launch, she thought that "perhaps a proper car would be more suitable" and the sherry-a-day resident of a Halesowen old people's home picked up her stick and promptly headed indoors out of the rain.

"I had lessons, you know, and loved driving. But the examiner failed me for driving up to junctions too fast. He didn't appreciate the way I drove, even though my husband said I was a good driver, I was a good driver," she insisted.

Madge, who marked her special day with 30 family and friends at a party at Lapal House Residential Home, in Lapal Lane South, admits she's still game for a laugh "even though I cannot do all the things I used to".

In the past when her eyesight was keener, she would not shy away from the odd game of pool and was well-known for her sharp humour.

Memories

Born when King Edward VII was on the throne, Madge moved into the home last August from her house in Castle Road West, Oldbury, and has fond memories of her home town of neighbouring Bearwood.

"Bearwood was quite a nice place and I remember as a girl growing up there with mum and dad. It was different altogether than today and no-one ever had to go into Birmingham to shop. You could get it all in Bearwood High Street, groceries, clothes – everything you needed.

"We had no electricity and had to make do with gas lights, but in many ways it was not that different than things are today. People were still as busy, we had our problems with two world wars and families struggled just as they do now. Of course we didn't have the modern conveniences.

"People knew each other and helped each other more and it was a better community we lived in," she said.

She loved attending Bearwood Road School and clearly remembers one incident which landed her in big trouble with her mother.

"My mother dressed me in a white dress and it was new.

"I was instructed to take care . . . but the girl who sat at the back of me in class must have been jealous.

"We had ink wells and pens to dip in them. Before the lesson was finished she had made sure I had ink all down the back of my dress and it was ruined. I was in such a lot of trouble," she said. Raised with four brothers, Don, Albert, Cecil and Ken, she is keen to point out she was never spoilt as the only girl.

Flash-back to the skate-boarding fun with Max and Ross Hart at Madge's 102nd birthday

"Spoilt? Never! We were all treated the same and I had to get a job the same as my brothers," she said.

On leaving school at 14, Madge worked for Wesley & General Assurance in Birmingham for 10 shillings a week (50p) and enjoyed her hobbies of knitting and sewing.

Resign

She married her childhood sweetheart, Harold, in Bearwood in 1929 and was promptly told by her bosses she would have to resign from the firm.

"They didn't employ married women. It was policy, not like it is now," she said.

"I met Harold at school when I was about 10 or 12 and there was never anyone else for me. I enjoyed my job and rose through the ranks, but I was happy to leave to marry Harold. It was well worth it. I had a good life with him.

"I was just a little girl when the First World War broke out but it didn't seem to bother us as children, but by the time the Second World War started I was a full-time mother and housewife and it was very different for me.

"It was a constant worry," she recalled.

"Harold was called up and served as a captain in the Royal Artillery before becoming a teacher at the school where we met.

"It was a time of austerity but we were happy and I had four children, Alan, Michael, Janet and Norman," she added.

Born in Ethel Street, Bearwood, Madge has spend most of her years close to the Black Country except for a short time in the 1930s when she lived in Gloucestershire where she took up singing in a choir.

During the 50s and 60s she was an active charity worker with the Women's Royal Voluntary Service (WRVS).

She has 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren, enjoys her daily tipple and regular letters from brother, Don – now aged 100.

Remarkable

And the secret of her happy 105 years?

"Plain living, enjoying a quiet life and having a lovely family."

Proprietor of Lapal House, Tony Billingham, said: "She's absolutely remarkable and has a great sense of fun about her.

"I recall when she arrived here, she got out of the car unaided and walked up the steps just using a stick. Incredible."

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Pub boss to get grass bank mown

RESIDENTS warned against cutting an overgrown grass verge due to health and safety rules are celebrating after a pub boss offered to pay for it to be mown for a year.

Dudley Council said it would not be able to deal with the unsightly grass bank in Coldstream Drive, Wordsley as it was scaling back the grass cutting service to save £30,000.

But families were furious at then being told they could not even attempt to cut it themselves because of health and safety concerns about insurance, despite protests it had turned their street into an eyesore.

A gardening firm had offered to keep the verge tidy for a year but could not continue after that.

Now Michelle New, landlady at the Queens Head pub in Wordsley High Street, has stepped in.

Mrs New, who has run the pub for two years, said: "This is a nice area and it would be a shame to see the grass getting overgrown again.

"When I was asked, I was happy to help. So we'll take on the responsibility for a year and get it cut."

She was approached by Coldstream Drive resident Carol Bradley, who led the original campaign to get the council to cut the verge.

While residents are happy the situation has been resolved for another year, they still want Dudley Council to start cutting verges again.

Mrs Bradley, aged 58, said: "We're delighted that Michelle will help us but we are having to go through the hassle of getting this sorted out every year. The council should be doing this work and we will not forget that."

Searching

The council said residents would break health and safety rules if they did it themselves, but Brierley Hill-based Bathams Brewery did a one-off cut free of charge.

Brecon Garden Services, from Stourbridge, cut the grass at no cost until the end of 2010 but residents have been searching for a new sponsor since.

Boost for town centre parking

UP TO 80 on-street parking spaces will be created in Dudley town centre.

Business owners in the Stone Street and High Street area say trade has fallen after Stone Street car park was removed to create an £800,000 public square seven years ago.

Dudley Council's new cabinet member for transport, Councillor Patrick Harley, said the decision to increase on-street spaces was made in consultation with traders.

"There are plans to increase the number of parking spaces for between 60-80 for streets in the town centre," he said.

"We are looking at ways that they can be best situated. For instance, the spaces could be facing out into the road.

"These plans are linked with the ongoing proposals for the regeneration of the town centre."

Extra spaces will be along roads including Wolverhampton Street.

The timeframe has yet to be finalised.

Security move at museum site

AN HISTORIC former mill in Kidderminster set to house the town's carpet museum has become a magnet for vandals and thieves.

Windows have been smashed and lead torn from the roof of the Grade-II listed Stourvale Mill, in Green Street.

Extra security is now in the pipeline. Kidderminster Carpet Museum Trust plans to restore the site to create an attraction celebrating the town's history and heritage.

Pupils are having a wicket time

Charlie Thompson, front left, of Greenfield Primary; Thomas Slimm, of Fairhaven Primary, and Sam Keeling, of Milking Bank Primary, at the cricket tournament

YOUNG cricketers could bowl out the opposition at an annual tournament in Dudley.

About 35 teams from schools throughout the borough competed in this year's Kwik Cricket Primary School Tournament.

Four heats were held at Himley, Halesowen, Netherton and Pedmore cricket clubs. Winners took to the field at the War Memorial Athletic ground in Amblecote, home of Stourbridge Cricket Club, in a bid to be named the top team in Dudley.

Jessons Primary School, Dudley, won the overall title, defeating Wollescote Primary School, Wollescote, Stourbridge, in the final.

Both teams will have the chance to represent Dudley at the regional final, which is to be held at Worcestershire Country Cricket Club's ground on June 27. The eight-a-side game is played with players of the team pairing up to each take a turn bowling and batting. Points are scored for making runs but are removed from the total when a wicket is taken.

Cordon as bomb hoax hits a bank

PARTS of Stourbridge town centre were evacuated during a security alert at a bank.

Police cordoned off a section of the High Street for more than two hours while they searched the Halifax premises.

Officers shut the street from between Wilkinsons and the clock by Lower High Street at 2.45pm on June 13.

Crowds gathered to watch as police teams searched the building with a trained sniffer dog.

The area was declared safe at 5pm.

The alert followed a phone call which was later revealed as a hoax.

Retired

Among those evacuated from the area was retired garden centre manager Shirley Edwards, aged 63, of Church Street, Brierley Hill.

She had been out shopping with her 22-year-old granddaughter Sarah.

"We wondered what on earth was going on.

"We heard someone say there had been a bomb scare, and then we saw all of the police," she said.

Shop worker Tracey Lewis, aged 29, from Norton, said: "It caused a lot of disruption for people and will affect the day's takings."

Inspector Simon Bradbury, from Dudley police, said: "We thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this alert."

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Dean Overton, managing director of Overton Recycling in Lye, which is now 'recycling' former offenders back into society

How the ex-offenders are recycled into work

A STOURBRIDGE waste company has started "recycling" former offenders back into useful members of society – and discovered a string of business benefits.

For Overton Recycling, a waste electrical and electronic equipment recycling business in Lye, working with offenders is proving to be a positive experience.

It is bringing benefits for both the business and the individuals involved.

Overton employs about 100 full-time workers, including a number of agency ones. Managing director Dean Overton was offered the opportunity to take on ex-offenders as agency workers for a 13-week period with a view to possible permanent employment.

"Having a criminal record is not in itself a good reason to deny someone a job," he said.

"Life is not straightforward for many people – it's easy to make mistakes but in most cases people deserve a chance to put things right.

"Working with ex-offenders has been a really positive experience for the business. We have five on the payroll at the moment, as agency workers, and all are doing well.

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"We don't view employees as a commodity. We believe that if we invest in them by giving them a second chance or providing opportunities to train and gain new skills, they will reward the business with their loyalty and hard work. We have not been disappointed."

Overton Recycling was founded in 2002 when Mr Overton spotted a gap in the market for the safe disposal of old fridges and freezers in accordance with European environmental legislation. Over the past decade, the business has diversified and today specialises in recycling all kinds of electrical appliances – "anything with a plug on it, or battery in it",he said.

The business has increased its recycling capacity and uses technology to identify and sort specific metals and plastics so they can be processed ready for reuse by local manufacturing businesses.

A recent survey found that one in five employers (21 per cent) in the region had knowingly employed someone with a criminal record and the vast majority of them (80 per cent) were pleased with the outcome.

Mr Overton believes that more local companies should consider employing ex-offenders.

He said:"Of course employers are going to have concerns initially, but working with the OnTrak Programme is easy and very reassuring.

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Quarry plans a disaster says MP

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build a new quarry on the outskirts of a Dudley village have been labelled "an environmental disaster" by a Black Country MP.

Plans to quarry land at the Mile Flat in Wall Heath, Dudley, at the rear of Dudley-Kingswinford Rugby Club, have been submitted by contractor FG Davis & Sons Ltd.

The Staffordshire-based company wants to excavate gravel and sand from the 19-acre site – causing outrage among nearby residents.

Extend

The company is also seeking permission to extend its current permission to continue work at its existing quarry site in Enville Road for another three years.

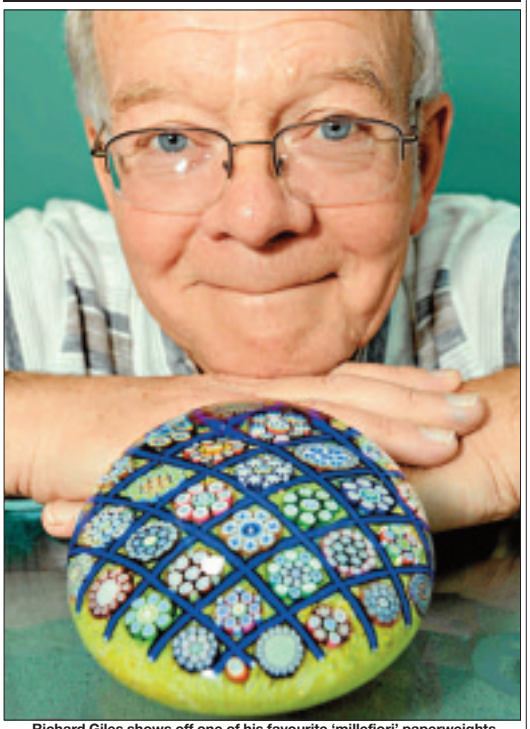
Dudley South MP Chris Kelly met protest group Quarries Fighting Fund earlier this month to discuss its concerns.

"Having two quarries operating at the same time would be a disaster for the people of Wall Heath and the wider area," said Mr Kelly.

"This development, if allowed, will change the local landscape for many years."

Dave Tyler, organiser of the quarry campaign, said: "Having another quarry in the area would blight the area for at least another generation." Protesters have set up a website, www.qff.org.uk

Glass art is clear inspiration



Richard Giles shows off one of his favourite 'millefiori' paperweights

MORE THAN 200 flower-inspired paperweights took centre stage at Dudley's Broadfield House Glass Museum for a special exhibition.

Visitors flocked to the museum in Compton Drive, Kingswinford, for the annual Paperweight Day on June 11.

This year the show was themed around a style of decoration known as "millefiori" – or "a thousand flowers" – which consists of tiny glass canes shaped like flowers.

Organiser Richard Giles, from the Paperweight Collectors Circle which has hosted the event in Dudley for almost 10 years, said it had been a "great success".

He added: "We actually had people queuing outside the museum before we opened, which is highly unusual.

"We had a marvellous collection. Ten members of the circle bought a couple of dozen paperweights each," said Mr Giles, aged 67, from Cheltenham. "Some of them date back to the 1840s."

Mr Giles, who has 1,600 paperweights, added: "It's always a popular event."

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Empty canalside pub set for new flotation

A CANALSIDE PUB on a gateway into Stourbridge, which has been lying empty for more than a year, will reopen by Christmas.

David Gardener, a partner at town centre wine merchants Nickolls & Perks, has submitted proposals to revamp the Moorings Tavern off Canal Street.

The inside of the pub, which is currently boarded up and covered in graffiti, will be revamped while a patio seating area and garden will be created at the back of the building. A car park will also be created.

Mr Gardener, who will manage the pub, said the plans would create a number of jobs.

"We want to make the most of the waterside location and create a family pub offering real ale and food. From the patio garden there will be nice views across the canal," he said.

Chairwoman of Stourbridge township council, Margaret Scott, welcomed the news.

"The back of the pub does need tidying up.

"It could be a nice spot for people to go after a walk along the canal or a boat trip. It's sad when these pubs close but don't reopen," she said.

Historic

The pub forms part of the Stourbridge canal conservation area, which also includes the historic Bonded Warehouse which runs regular boat trips.

A report submitted with the planning application says: "Through the appropriate and sensitive choice of materials and planting the proposals will further enhance the conservation area."

It adds that the site will be cleared of debris and a garage at the back of the pub, which is no longer used, will be removed along with steel security fencing.

The plans have been submitted to Dudley Council and will be considered within the next two months.

Jobless queue shortens

JOBLESS queues were slightly shorter in the Dudley area last month as new figures revealed the biggest national fall in unemployment for more than a decade.

Unemployment across the country has fallen by 88,000, while the number of people in work has increased by a similar number.

The quarterly fall was the biggest in more than a decade, taking the jobless total to 2.43 million.

Across Dudley and the wider West Midlands, unemployment had fallen by 4,000 to 255,000 by the beginning of March against the last three months of 2010.

But the number of people claiming jobseeker's allowance rose by 19,600 last month to 1.49million, the worst for more than a year.

The figures vary because not everyone classed as unemployed can claim the allowance.

Dudley bucked the national trend, however, with its claimant count falling by 24 to 9,698, or five per cent of the borough's working population – above the national average of 3.8 per cent.

Service marks the loved lives

PEOPLE can remember loved ones at a service organised by Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice tonight (June 23) at St Mary's Church, Rectory Road, Oldswinford (7pm).

It will celebrate the lives of people cared for at the hospice.

'Cavalier' attitude man jailed

A SHED builder who punched a man in a Black Country pub and hit him with a bar stool has been jailed after doing just four hours of community service in four months.

Andrew Barker, aged 48, had received a suspended six-month prison sentence and was required to carry out 120 hours' unpaid work. But he treated the punishment with a "cavalier" attitude and made excuses, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard on June 15. The sentence was activated against Barker, of Russells Hall, Dudley.

Museum tours on heritage of glass

A MUSEUM is staging a series of tours to teach youngsters about the Black Country's glass heritage.

The Red House Glass Cone in Wordsley is offering educational visits for pupils of all ages and abilities.

Pupils can discover the celebrated history of the Stourbridge Glass Quarter and try out glass making and glass art.

Atmosphere

Students dress in Victorian costumes to recreate the atmosphere of the time.

Led by a museum tour guide, the students are encouraged to explore the cone and discover facts about the glass making industry.

Experienced glass blowers also give demonstrations of their art.

Then the children themselves are allowed to try fusing, painting or engraving.

Councillor David Stanley, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "We are delighted by the response we've had from both primary and secondary schools."

Dudley Council's museums offer a range of educational workshops to schools.

For more details of what is on offer, call 01384 815571.

It's lift-off for balloon race

Trustee Alastair Chapman and carer Trevor Grosvenor with, centre left, mayor's consort Sue and Dudley Mayor Councillor Michael Evans; back left, volunteer Vivien Smith, support workers Julie Farnsworth and Pat Hill, chief executive Peter Corbett and development manager Ann Evett

A BALLOON race and a celebratory lunch helped to launch a new charity project in Stourbridge.

It offers extended day centre and home support services in the town.

The Stourbridge Resource Centre of Thomas Pocklington Trust was celebrating a £300,000 grant from the Big Lottery Fund.

The trust, at the Mary Stevens Centre in Hagley Road, Oldswinford, is now looking for new volunteers.

Development manager Ann Evett said the June 13 launch for the VIP Project, at the David Lloyd Leisure Club in Pensnett Road, Brierley Hill was a success.

Prison threat to thief of lead

A METAL thief who stripped buildings in the Black Country, including a post office, of lead has been given a suspended jail sentence.

Luke Mathew Power of Addenbrooke Court, Cradley Heath, had previously pleaded admitted two counts of theft to Warley Magistrates Court.

Prosecutor Marian Bibb told the court on June 15 that 21-year-old Power took lead from the roof of the Old Hill Post Office, Halesowen Road, in Cradley Heath with his brother Adam Power.

They struck at around 4am on May 11.

Dirty

She said: "When police arrived they found the roof had been stripped of all its lead flashing.

"The two males were found nearby; both had dirty clothes and dirty hands from the flashing."

Adam Power was sentenced to a community supervision order and told to pay £250 compensation.

Luke Power committed the second theft from a house on Elbow Street in Cradley Heath in the early hours of May 26 whilst on bail for the first offence.

Mr Harmail Gill, defending, told the court: "He is the least experienced defendant and the most impressionable."

Magistrates sentenced Power to 14 weeks in jail, suspended for 12 months. He must pay £250 compensation and was made the subject of a 12-month supervision order.

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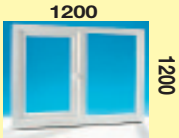

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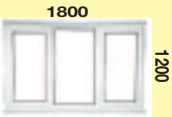

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New mayor is sworn in

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DUDLEY'S new mayor has been sworn in.

In a ceremony attended by dignitaries from across the Midlands, Councillor Michael Evans his dedication affirmed his dedication to serving the people of the borough.

He took the formal oath at the mayor's civic service held at All Saint's Church in Vicar Street, Sedgley, on June 12.

The ceremony was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall, Gary and Yvonne Clarke; the Mayor of Wolverhampton, Councillor Bert Turner, and the Mayor of Stafford Councillor Stan Highfield and Mayoress Frances Knight.

Also there were Dudley councillors including ward members from Sedgley.

The church was led in a series of hymns chosen by Councillor Evans.

"This was a very important occasion, when the mayor dedicates himself to the people of Dudley," he said.

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Controversial street changes go to review

CONTROVERSIAL changes to an historic High Street are to be reviewed after months of complaints that the road is more dangerous now than before the work took place.

Kinver businesses village trade has plummeted since the £900,000 scheme was completed earlier this year.

Kinver Parish Council has now requested a review by Staffordshire County Council to look at the changes and to find out how to deal with problems.

Officers said this was agreed and scheduled to take place later in the year on a date to be set.

Residents and traders are now being asked to submit their views to the parish council so it can present the opinions of the community to the county council.

Parish council clerk Jenny Spaull said it was a break with tradition to ask for public opinion in this way.

"We feel it is necessary to do so on this occasion," she said.

"It is solely a request for opinions in the content of the High Street.

Queues

"It is important people also realise while the parish council is collecting this information, it does not have any powers to act upon them.

"We can make recommendations but the final decisions will be in the hands of Staffordshire County Council."

Residents and traders have previously complained that traffic queues are being caused because of pinch points positioned along the High Street.

Because the road is now so narrow in places, cars are also hitting these points and there is said to be no room for delivery lorries to park up.

Villagers have until August 26 to put forward their views.

All letters will be collected and made available to the county council before the review meeting so that they can be considered.

Comments can be delivered to the parish council at its offices at 95 High Street, Kinver, DY7 6HD.

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Alternatively comments can be by email to kinverparish@btconnect.com, again with full names and addresses.

Store picking up buckets of cash

SHOPPERS at a Black Country store have raised £1,000 for a local hospice.

The cash was collected in buckets on checkouts at Asda in Brierley Hill and will go to Mary Stevens Hospice in Stourbridge.

Events including a fun day and cake sale also helped generate the sum over the last six months.

Service manager Jenny Lowe said: "The customers have all been so generous and we want them to know that all their money is going to a local good cause."

Grateful

Last year the store raised nearly £7,000 for the Asda Foundation, supporting charities across the country. Mary Stevens fundraising head Janet Jones said: "We are very grateful for the donation and it will go towards the vital work that is carried out."

Plans are being drawn up for the store to support other local charities with fundraising events during the rest of the year.

More than £800 was generated for the Poppy Appeal by sales of home-made silk flowers at the store in April.

Front, community champion Lisa Southall with, back from left, people services manager Linda Turner, head of fundraising Janet Jones and events co-ordinator Julie Feeley

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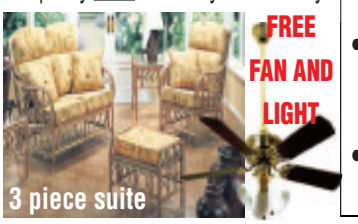

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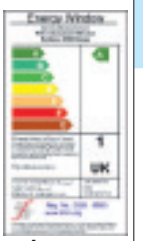

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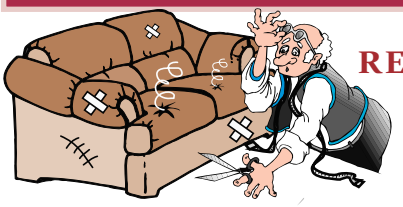
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Councils meet the bill to run speed cameras

COUNCILS have paid for speed cameras to be maintained and repaired despite voting to axe £750,000 of funding. They now face decisions on future funding.

West Midlands Police has decided to go it alone and has put £1million into speed cameras for this financial year.

Councils in the region, who are part of the West Midlands Road Safety Partnership, voted to axe their contribution.

But it has now emerged that £26,846 from the councils has been used on the cameras. It came from a road safety grant for fixing speed cameras.

Councils have been told they must consider if they are willing to fund cameras in future years.

Police will raise the money to operate them this year through fees from speed awareness courses that speeding drivers can attend in lieu of penalty points.

Permanent

There are 57 sites in the West Midlands where cameras are switched on for eight days a month and 34 in use most of the time.

In a report to councillors from Dudley, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell, Birmingham, Coventry and Solihull, officers said they need to find a permanent solution to pay for repairs.

Peter Francis from the chief engineers and planning officers group, said a longer-term view was required before December.

Damage man to pay up

A MAN who stole £210 of food and drink before damaging windows of a car and flat has been ordered to pay compensation by magistrates.

Darren Cook, aged 27, was seen by police officers throwing stones at the window of a council flat.

He was also spotted damaging windows on a VW Polo car parked nearby before being arrested, Dudley Magistrates Court heard.

When police arrived they found him with food taken from Tesco, in Hagley Road, Halesowen.

Cook, of Hamilton Avenue, Halesowen, pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to shoplifting and criminal damage.

He was given a 12-month community order by the magistrates.

They decided that Cook must also pay a total of £240 compensation.

Students' artwork on display

Keleigh Faulkner with her artwork which went on display at Dudley College

ART STUDENTS at a Black Country college showcased their work at an end-of-year exhibition.

Youngsters on the Art and Design at Dudley College put together the display as part of Arts Fest at the Mons Hill Campus.

Visitors were able to view the work completed by students who have studied on various creative arts courses at the college, including art and design, graphics, media photography, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, music, costume and theatre production.

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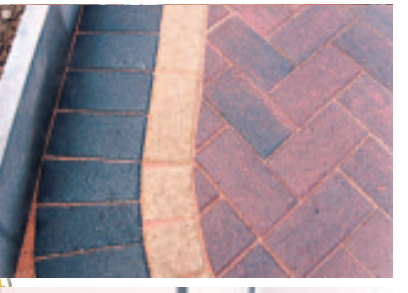

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Robber knocks Legion chairman unconscious

THE CHAIRMAN of a Royal British Legion club was knocked unconscious by a robber who tried to steal cash intended for the Poppy Appeal.

Dudley councillor Malcolm Davis, aged 67, was going to bank the £120 after leaving the Ex-Servicemen's club in Hall Street on June 13 when he was attacked on Firs Street, about 50 yards away.

A man punched him, before grabbing at a plastic carrier bag containing the cash. Councillor Davis refused to let go, and during a struggle was punched to the ground.

While he lay unconscious five other members of the club, alerted by a passer-by, chased the attacker and wrestled the bag from him.

Councillor Davis, who served in the Territorial Army's Royal Corps of Signals for six years, had bruises to his chin and arms.

He said: "I'm so angry that he tried to take money that was being added to the Poppy Appeal. He started following me after I left the club. He went for the bag, but I wasn't going to let him have it."

A man has been arrested.

Julie picked as poster star

A MOTHER from the Black Country has been chosen to front a national advertising campaign which will see her face adorn billboards across the country.

Julie Poultney, aged 44, from Dudley, has been picked from thousands of women across the UK to star in a new Dove beauty campaign.

It will see her featured on a billboard on Stafford Street in Wolverhampton as well as other prominent sites across the UK.

She will appear alongside nine other women in the campaign who all entered a competition run by Dove and Asda supermarket.

The winners were randomly selected after entering the competition in store or online.

As part of their prize they were invited to take part in an all-expenses paid photoshoot in London with photographer Mark Curtis, and a pampering day.

The mother-of-two from Milking Bank has never modelled in her life before.

"It has been a fantastic surprise because I didn't even enter, my husband Andy entered for me," she said.

"It was an amazing experience, I loved it."

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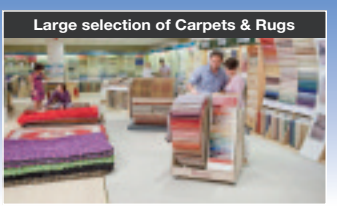
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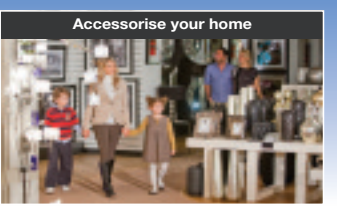
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Check out latest view of a £27m Tesco

The latest aerial view of the new £27 million Tesco superstore taking shape at Burnt Tree Island. *Picture: Tim Thursfield*

THIS aerial image shows a bird's eye view of the new £27million Tesco superstore taking shape in the Black Country.

Construction of the supermarket at Burnt Tree Island on the border of Dudley and Sandwell started in March.

As the photograph shows, most of the metal frame for the new building has been erected while work on the sales floor is well under way.

The lower floor of the building will be used for car parking. Work is also progressing on the timber cladding on the front of the building and a glass entrance will also be put in place.

The store is expected to be completed before the end of the year and Tesco bosses hope it will be trading in time for Christmas.

Work to clear the site of debris was finished in March following demolition of the old store, including its landmark clock tower, in January.

Pipes

The storerooms at the back of the site were taken down last because they contained refrigeration pipes which had to be cleared of gas.

Old mine shafts around the site also had to be filled in before construction could start. The original supermarket was built in 1992 on the site of the former Ewarts factory.

A temporary store with 120 staff has opened on the site while the new supermarket is being built. The remaining 300 workers have been transferred to other branches during building work.

It is hoped to use some of the materials from the old store in the rebuilding work but there are no plans to recreate the clock tower in the new designs.

The store, which will be three times the size of the old one, is planned as a "concept store" and may include facilities such as a hair salon, nail bar and gym – although these developments are still under discussion.

Manager of the old store Peter Vinnicombe said: "Its size and design will allow us to experiment with new concepts."

When the old store closed bosses invited back shopper Edna Griffin, aged 73, who was the first customer through the doors when it opened in 1992. They wanted her to be among the last customers as well.

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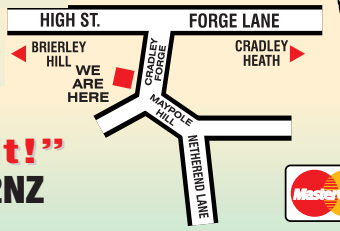

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Thieves strip £6,000 metal from vans

METAL THIEVES stripped more than £6,000 worth of valuable scrap from three vans during the latest in a series of raids at a Dudley delivery firm.

Catalytic converters and exhaust systems were ripped off three Sprinter vans which were parked at NW Levers in Ham Lane, Kingswinford. It happened shortly after midnight on Monday, June 13.

Company bosses revealed that a string of thefts at the firm has cost them more than £30,000 in stock and damages in just two years.

Van batteries worth more than £7,600 were stolen overnight between June 9-10, while previous raids have seen 6,000 litres of diesel fuel stolen, and thousands of pounds of batteries and tools taken from inside the compound.

Manager Paul Wady said the site has been targeted repeatedly by crooks who wait until the evening shift is over before smashing their way in.

Hoods

"It's quite a significant amount of money to replace everything which has been stolen," he said.

"It hasn't got to the point where we are having to consider getting rid of staff, but it all affects the bottom line.

"There were four of them on Thursday night. They came around 9pm, an hour after our late shift ended, in a plain white van with its number plates covered," he said.

"They were all wearing hoods or face covers so you can't see who they are."

Watch date for town

A NEIGHBOURHOOD Watch meeting for people in the Milking Bank and London Heights areas of Dudley will be held on tonight (June 23).

Police officers from the St James neighbourhood policing team will attend to listen to any concerns from residents.

It will take place at The Hilly House pub in Himley Road at 7pm.

Anyone unable to attend but who would like to raise issues, can call 0345 113 5000 ext 7901 6591.

Club hosts Kings band

DUDLEY-BASED tribute band the Kings of Dud-Leon will return to play Halesowen Cricket Club on Saturday.

The group, who play a selection of hits from a range of genres, will play at the club in Seth Somers Park, Halesowen.

The music starts at 8pm. Tickets at £5 are available from the club or from www.halesowencricketclub.co.uk

School's auction help appeal

Back, from left, Sarah Callaghan with Tayla Hamilton, Wendy Chandler, Kerry Gilbert and Alfie Johnson, and front, deputy head Penny Forster and Luis Hickman with Danielle Rollinson and Hammad Aslam in the sensory room

A SPECIAL school wants items to auction off to raise cash for a new sensory room.

Pens Meadow School, Wordsley, is staging the event at the Summer Ball but needs donations.

It wants to raise £20,000 to replace the current small room and its dated equipment. Jewellery, artwork and a case of champagne have already been donated, along with T- shirts signed by the Great Britain Paralympic team.

Lucy Nicholls, a presenter on satellite shopping channel Gems TV, will compere after fundraiser Sarah Callaghan, who makes jewellery as a hobby, got her help.

Mrs Callaghan, whose husband James is head of sixth form, hopes local firms will get involved. She said: "We're billing it as a search for 'Pens-friends' who will get behind us."

The auction is on July 8 at 7.30pm at Wilson Hall, Stourbridge Road, Cradley. To help with donations, call Mrs Callaghan on 07531721722 or for tickets contact the school on 01384 818945.

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New scheme to help more than 100 jobless young in Dudley and Sandwell

Wayne Groves displaying his Kickstart certificate

A search to find 100 of the best young people in Sandwell and Dudley to fill job opportunities is being launched.

It is part of a new £1.85 million push to get young people into training and employment across the Black Country.

Teenagers are being urged to get in touch with the Kickstart: Gold scheme if they are not in education, employment or training to arrange an interview with a view to gaining employment and an apprenticeship place.

A series of recruitment events are being held in Sandwell and Dudley next month (July) to find 200 16-18- year-olds who would benefit from the scheme, which is being run by Oldbury-based BCTG.

BCTG, based in Taylors Lane, recently secured £1.85 million from the Skills Funding Agency, the Young Peoples Learning Agency and the European Social Fund (ESF) to run the new programme across Dudley and Sandwell.

It has commissioned a host of skilled training providers who will work alongside young people and provide job placements and give them a "kick start" back into learning and employment.

Kickstart: Gold follows on from an earlier scheme called Kick Start Life, which helped young people like 17-year-old Wayne Groves (pictured).

Wayne recently met West Bromwich West MP Adrian Bailey during a visit to BCTG, when it announced it had secured funding for the new Kickstart: Gold programme in May.

The 17-year-old, from Tipton, has gone from leaving school without any qualifications to now starting an apprenticeship in vehicle fitting with training provider NACRO having successfully completed the earlier Kick Start Life programme.

Wayne said: "If it wasn't for Kick Start, I wouldn't be doing anything now. Instead I've got more confidence and am now doing an apprenticeship in vehicle fitting."

Mr Bailey said: "I am impressed by BCTG's work in this area with their skills and the commitment they bring to making life better for young people."

Chris Luty, BCTG director, said: "The aim of Kickstart: Gold is to give young people a kick start back into learning which will then lead to a place at college, an apprenticeship or employment.

"In Wayne's case it has led to a future with good training and an apprenticeship so he can go out and get a job.

"We are holding two recruitment events in July to help other young people who like Wayne will benefit from the programme and who will get help to find work with proper training attached to it. "

These events are in conjunction with the recruitment arm of BCTG "The Apprenticeship Works" who are specialists in recruiting young people into employment and apprenticeships with local employers. Young people have the chance to earn a decent wage whilst learning and gaining recognised qualifications.

"We are encouraging school leavers and those young people who are currently not in education, employment or training to call us and book an interview at any one of the four recruitment events."

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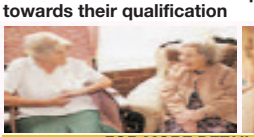

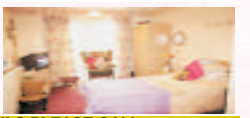

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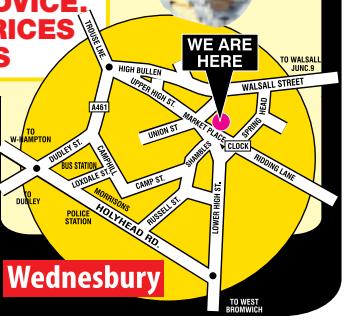

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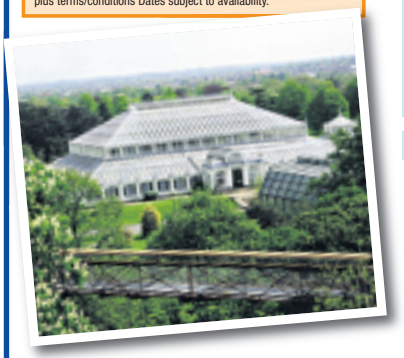

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Workers into bat at club pavilion

WORK has begun to renovate Stourbridge Cricket Club's pavilion with contractors hoping repairs will be complete within weeks.

Around £33,000 of grants were secured by the club.

Urgent electrical rewiring of the building at the War Memorial Athletic ground has already taken place.

Club bosses said new hot water boilers and pipework were being installed last week.

Spokesman and sponsorship officer Mark Ashbourne said scaffolding will be put up around the pavilion, off High Street, Amblecote, on July 4.

This will allow workers to begin repairs to roof joists and brickwork as well as strengthening the structure itself.

Fixed

New layers of felt will also be fixed to ensure that the building remains watertight.

Part of the cash will be used to install solar panels on the roof, with works expected on August 8 and 9.

Mr Ashbourne said that contractors hoped work would be complete by August 17.

"The contractors have already been in to start installing the hot water boiler so works are under way now which is good," he said.

"It should not take too long and we have a completion date as well."

A grand opening ceremony will be held by club officials with invites going to past players.

The pavilion opened in 1924 at the War Memorial Athletic ground.

Firms taken to task on shop 'mess'

TWO FIRMS are being taken to task over the "terrible" state of Dudley shops which council chiefs say have been left needing thousands of pounds of repairs.

Dudley Council has launched compensation bids against Swinton Insurance and Lloyds TSB over 32/33 and 34 King Street.

Cabinet member for regeneration, Councillor Angus Adams, said dilapidation orders were lodged against firms claiming they breached lease terms by letting properties fall into disrepair.

"It was part of our lease conditions that the shops would be kept in a decent state, and those were not met," he said.

"It is going to cost a substantial amount to repair – I can't say how much as that is something our legal team and their legal team will have to agree on."

In the meantime, he added, the council would put vinyl window decorations up.

"We want to make them look slightly more attractive than they do at the moment – it's a real mess," he said. If awarded, compensation would be used to bring the building back up to scratch.

A Lloyds TSB spokesman said: "The bank's lease expired in 2008 and since then we have been working with Dudley Metropolitan Council in order to agree the extent of our dilapidations liability, which we hope to conclude shortly. "

Empty shops at 31-35 King Street, Dudley

Swinton insurance spokesman Mairead Rodden said: "Dilapidations negotiations form part of day-to-day property management responsibilities.

"Swinton are discussing and have ongoing dialogue with the council and this should be concluded in the next few weeks."

Work is part of renovation and regeneration projects taking place and planned for Dudley town centre. This includes a £6million market place revamp, and a £4.2million heritage scheme to bring some of the most historic buildings back into use.

Bailey's Hall, home of Aston's Auctioneers, Tower Street, is three weeks into £1.9million restoration work to the outside of the Grade II listed building, with three weeks left to go. Work started on May 31 at Ace Disks, High Street.

Dog fans paw into the park

Families walk their pets between Himley Park, Dudley and Baggeridge Country Park

PET POOCHES from across the Black Country took their owners on a charity walkies to raise more than £1,000 for Cancer Research UK.

Around 25 people showed up at Himley Park in Dudley Road, Himley on June 11 to take their dogs on a sponsored walk to Baggeridge Country Park and back.

Leonie Hudson, senior volunteer manager for the Midlands, said it was the first staging of the event and its success meant the charity was now hoping to expand it next year.

"People seemed to really enjoy it – everyone went away with a certificate and a goody bag for the dogs," she said.

"There are a lot of walking and cycling-based charity events around and we thought that people might want to get involved in something like this. It's not just one person doing a race and the rest of the family supporting them. It's the dog that is the main focus."

Simon and Emma Whitehouse from Wordsley are seen with their puppy Toby

Two are quizzed on drug dealing

TWO MEN spotted behaving suspiciously in Dudley town centre are being questioned by police.

Officers saw a man park a lorry in Flood Street at 8.15am on June 13 and meet a man in the High Street.

Police stopped the 39-year-old moments later and seized what is believed to be cocaine. The man was arrested for suspected possession of a Class A drug.

Officers arrested the second man, aged 36, a short time later on suspicion of supply of a Class A drug. Both men were in police custody to help with enquiries.

Inspector Richard Jones, neighbourhood manager for Dudley, said: "We take the trade of illegal drugs very seriously and will act where information is received.

"On this occasion officers were well placed to take swift action and detain two men suspected of involvement in possessing and supplying drugs in the town."

To contact police, call 0345 113 5000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Arson theory as car is destroyed

A RED Fiesta was burned out in a suspected arson attack in Tipton.

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Morris zones in on 'London bias'

LONDON is "sucking" money and opportunities out of the rest of Britain, a Black Country MP has claimed.

James Morris said a relentless focus on the English capital – the epicentre of Britain's political, economic and cultural life – meant the "major challenges, deep levels of deprivation and unemployment" in other parts of the country were being ignored.

He said there was a need for a greater spread of investment across the UK, in particular to the West Midlands. The Halesowen and Rowley Regis Conservative MP was speaking during a Communities and Local Government Select Committee hearing on regeneration.

Evidence

As a member of the cross-party group of MPs, Mr Morris clashed with Sir Robin Wales, elected Mayor of the east London borough of Newham, who was recently called to give evidence to the panel.

Mr Morris questioned the rationale behind an enterprise zone in the Royal Docks, asking the Leader of Newham Council: "Isn't London just one massive enterprise zone? It is sucking out opportunities from the rest of the country.

"Why do you need another enterprise zone? You have had the Olympics, you have had all of this money, and now you want an enterprise zone, whereas in places like the West Midlands, the economy has major challenges, deep levels of deprivation and unemployment.

"Is London not just one big enterprise zone anyway?"

Sir Robin responded: "No. Come to the East End and see what the problems are. I am not against investing in the Midlands, but I want investment in the biggest area of deprivation in the country, and in Europe if you take unemployment."

Mr Morris said afterwards: "It is vital that the West Midlands receives the support and investment it needs."

The Government is creating 21 Enterprise Zones in Local Enterprise Partnership areas and has promised to invest £100million in them before the next election to create thousands of jobs and kick-start the economy.

Manor house homes bid sparks new fears

RESIDENTS have raised new concerns over the latest plans to build homes in the grounds of an 18th century Black Country manor house.

They claim revised proposals for the development at Wordsley Manor have not gone far enough to protect wildlife at the site.

And they also feel the development will not fit in with the surroundings. Plans by Hagley-based developer Selbourne Homes to build 14 homes within the grounds of the Firmstone family's home have been on the table for more than two years.

But they were resubmitted this year after Dudley council insisted on an improved strategy for protecting wildlife during works at the site, off Meadowfields Close, Wordsley.

The new documents state a landscaped area will be created to allow the movement of slow worms between the manor house gardens and Stourbridge Canal at the edge of the site.

Selbourne Homes managing director Gavin Warr said that consultation was still being held with Dudley Council planners and residents about the development.

In a letter to planning officers, Meadowfields Close resident Lynda Webb said the plans would be detrimental to neighbouring houseowners.

Historical

"The proposal from Selbourne Homes is not only detrimental to the setting of the manor but also to local residents who have opposed the scheme," she wrote.

"The historical importance of the building is recognised, but this property, unknown to many local people, plays no part in the life of the local community, so why should the local community have the adverse impact from a development in the grounds of the Manor?"

Fellow Meadowfields Close resident Yvonne Curtis added: "We can only see these plans been an advantage to the developer as a means of maximising his returns and a downfall for Wordsley Manor which will then sit it in the middle of a housing estate and a definite disadvantage for the wide collection of wildlife."

Mr Warr said: "We are still in consultation with the authority about the mitigation strategy about the wildlife and nothing has yet been finalised.

"We can still talk to residents about the plans as nothing is yet set in stone."

Illegal anglers hiding in trees

ANGLERS are hiding among trees to fish illegally for koi carp and goldfish in a pool at a Kingswinford park.

Their actions have sparked fears over the future of wildlife.

Fishing is not allowed at King George VI Park, but members of the town's model boat club who sail their craft there say people are flouting the rules.

Members say they are concerned for the wildlife which visits the pool and have urged Dudley Council to take action.

The only fishing allowed at council-run sites is at Fens Pool and Himley Park.

Club treasurer Paul Newman said: "They hide in the trees to fish but a lot of them are now just doing it out in the open. They don't seem to care about being caught.

Geese

"It has become a real problem. We are worried it is endangering the wildlife especially the birds. There is a lot of fish in the pond but the number will get less and less if people keep fishing there."

Mr Newman, aged 38, said members had reported the problem to the RSPB as they were concerned for swans and geese at the pool. They fear the birds could get tangled in fishing line.

He said members wanted regular patrols of the park by council officers as well as permanent "no fishing" signs.

Councillor David Stanley, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "We have been made aware of people fishing at King George VI park, which is not allowed.

"We would ask people not to fish at the pool, and remind them there are a number of very popular venues for anglers to visit including Fens Pool and Himley Hall and Park."

The fishing season has now opened at the Great Pool at Himley Hall and Park. It had been closed to allow fish stocks to be replenished.

Church's big push to raise repair funds

Fundraiser Val Woodhouse outside the chapel, which needs £23,000 repairs

A BLACK COUNTRY church is launching a final push to raise thousands of pounds for vital repairs.

A campaign has been running to generate £23,000 for Bethel Chapel in Lye to pay for repointing and to restore windows that are falling apart.

So far, £16,000 has been raised through events and grants – and it is hoped the target can be met by the end of the summer.

The church, which dates back to 1900, has been designated a building of local historic importance by Dudley Council.

The repairs will keep the windows insulated and watertight but are costly as the work needs to be in keeping with the design of the building.

Fundraiser Val Woodhouse said: "The church hosts a lot of important community events, in particular a weekly senior citizens club where the members are picked up in a minibus. It is absolutely vital that the building is kept in a good condition for when the colder weather comes, as it is so important for these members of the community."

The work will take up to eight weeks. Bricks for the front of the church need to be made to measure, while some of the iron window frames will be completely replaced.

Auctions

So far, cash has been raised through toy auctions, jewellery sales and donations, including bequests from local residents who have died.

About £7,000 also came from applications to charitable trusts.

Anyone interested in donating, fundraising or helping out with the Bethel Chapel Building Restoration Appeal can contact Mrs Woodhouse at Bethel Chapel on 01384 892137 or visit the website www. bethelchapel.ne

Busy roads face cut in speed limit

SPEED limits will be cut on two busy main roads in Dudley borough under plans drawn up following safety fears.

Dudley council wants to cut 40mph limits on the A459 Dudley Road/Haden Hill Road, in Halesowen, and A451 Norton Road, in Norton, Stourbridge. New 30 mph limits will be introduced on both the roads if plans are approved.

In addition, speed limits of 40mph could be extended on Norton Road at its junction with Racecourse Lane, along the road to the authority's boundary with Staffordshire and Worcestershire County Councils.

Current speeds are set at the national speed limit of 60mph along this stretch of the A451 towards Kidderminster.

Dudley Council said the plans were also being introduced to match the speed limits with other sections of the roads.

A consultation with residents and councillors has now got under way.

Council officials safety fears for pedestrians near Mary Stevens Park, off Norton Road, have prompted the move.

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THEATRE ROUND-UP

Familiar TV faces and ticket deal for play season

FOR the third consecutive year Ian Dickens Productions return to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre this month to start a four-play summer season.

Familiar faces from television will be among the actors presenting a mixed bill of comedy, drama and a thriller. Theatre fans can pay £48 to see all four plays, a big discount on the total for individual tickets per show.

The season starts on Tuesday with Jack Popplewell's Busybody, a comedy about a meddlesome cleaning lady who likes to tell the police how best to go about solving a murder.

It's on to Saturday and the cast features former Coronation Street actress Fiona Shaw (she played hairdresser Maxine), Gemma Bissex (from EastEnders and Hollyoaks) and Michelle Morrs (from The Knock).

The clueless detective Inspector Pratt returns, following his outing in Murdered To Death, in Death By Fatal Murder, from July 5-9. The cast for Peter Gordon's sequel features former Dirty Den Leslie Grantham, Richard Gibson (Allo Allo's Herr Flick) and Michelle Hardwick (The Royal).

Talented

A frustrated writer takes revenge on a theatre critic in Who Killed 'Agatha' Christie? by Tudor Gates, from July 12-16, featuring Emmerdale's Stephen Rashbrook and Charmed actor Neil Roberts.

Nicola Boyce's adaptation of Wilkie Collins' classic Gothic novel The Woman In White is staged from July 19-23. Peter Amory (Emmerdale villain Chris Tate) and Grange Hill's Karen Ford star.

Forthcoming one-night concerts at the Grand include talented tenor Jonathan Ansell and Friends on Monday. The ex-leader of the 'popera' group will be joined by How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria? finalist Helena Blackman, West End performer Oliver Taheri and former Only Men Aloud singer Thomas Oliver.

Expect G4 hits including Somebody To Love and Nessum Dorma at the Monday night concert. Tickets cost from £24.50 to £29.50.

Contact the Grand box office on 01902 429212.

Linda Lusardi and Sam Kane promote the Grand panto

Hi ho! Couple happy to be back in city for panto

PANTOMIME stars Linda Lusardi and Sam Kane will grace the Grand stage together after more than a decade.

The celebrity duo officially launched this year's production of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs in a visit to the "special" city.

While ex-glamour model Linda returns as the Wicked Queen, Sam, who is also directing this year's show, will appear as the Prince.

The real-life married couple, who last performed together at the Grand Theatre for panto Robin Hood in 1998, will be joined by comedy act The Grumbleweeds playing Muddles and Chambers and West End and former X factor star Niki Evans, who will join the cast as the fairy.

Sam, who is in his ninth year of directing, has been a stalwart of musical theatre for many years. He said: "It is really nice to be back, Wolverhampton is a lovely and very special place to us and the audiences here are so enthusiastic. We are yet to cast our seven dwarfs but we are hoping to be able to work with some of the city's rising stars.

"To come back this year is great and we hope to give everybody a sensational Christmas show."

Stunts

Linda, who will be seen flying, without wires, said she is looking forward to adapting herself to the Wicked Witch and performing the risky stunts.

"I love this character because it shows a completely different side to me and it's a role I can really get my teeth into," she said.

"The Wolverhampton audiences really know how to enjoy themselves so it's going to be another great season for us and I am really looking forward to flying in some amazing scenes."

The duo are no strangers to the city after collectively appearing six times at the Grand Theatre over the years.

They have already started preparing themselves for the show which sees them perform twice a day for six weeks. Rehearsals are due to start just two weeks before the curtain is lifted.

Pantomime producers Qdos Entertainment have also announced they will hold open auditions at the Grand Theatre, on Saturday, August 13, to cast 14 youngsters to play two teams of the seven dwarfs. Details will be announced next month. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs will run from Saturday, December 10 until Sunday, January 22.

Reviews

Thomas and Friends Live
Grand Theatre

Cheers of delight and smiling faces greeted Thomas the Tank at The Grand as he saves the day by being really useful when the circus comes to Sodor.

Children, mums and dads, grandmas and grandads all joined in as they clapped and sang along to catchy children's songs. Lively and full of colour their attention was immediately captured thanks to the enthusiasm of the cast. Finn, my three-year-old grandson's face was a picture when Thomas came chugging onto the stage with his wide-open eyes.

The three engines Thomas, Percy and James were able to move freely around the stage. Joining in with the fun were The Fat Controller, Harold The Helicopter, circus acts and farmyard animals. What a wonderful show to introduce young children to live theatre.

LES JOWETT

Footloose, Grand Theatre

Well I felt exhausted just watching. When they call this a high energy show they are not exaggerating. This was more breathless than Footloose and it was riveting.

The show literally explodes on to the stage at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre and with classic 80s anthems like Holding Out For A Hero, Let's Hear It For The Boy and Almost Paradise there was plenty to sing along with.

Footloose, starring Steven Pinder as Reverend Shaw Moore and Adam Booth as Ren, comes complete with electrifying dance routines and everyone was up on their feet at the end of the night. But don't be fooled into thinking this is just a dance show, the singing is also terrific, in particular from the Reverend's daughter Ariel, played by Lorna Want, and Rusty (Jodie Jacobs) and of course Adam Booth as Ren.

Footloose tells the story of life in small-town Bomont which is peaceful until city boy, Ren, arrives. Breaking every taboo, Ren brings dance back to the heart of a town held back by the memory of a tragedy. It is based on the hit 80s movie (which launched the careers of Kevin Bacon, Sarah Jessica Parker and John Lithgow).

Footloose has become a stage musical phenomenon, from Broadway to the West End and touring across the UK. Dancing may have been against the law in Footloose but with this show it would be a crime to miss it. It runs until Saturday (25).

SUE ATTWATER

Ravi Shankar
Birmingham Symphony Hall

The term legend is often overused but when a 91-year-old gets a standing ovation for merely walking on stage you know it is a fitting superlative.

Believe it or not Ravi Shankar has entered his 10th decade and the sage-like master of the sitar commands respect from his protégés as much as he does from his audience. This fact made it all the more surprising that the Symphony Hall was less than half full.

His evening of ragas, which is a musical form dating back around 2,000 years and has its roots in sacred music of the Hindu faith, was as you would expect spiritual, enjoyable and full of intricate musical notations which were executed with the precision of a master who has been playing music for more than 80 years. Surrounded by a mixture of his pupils and other respected Indian musicians you felt privileged, almost as if you were sitting in on a masterclass where Shankar was both passing on his wisdom and overseeing the finer details of his followers' progress.

If you want to see a true legend in action then go and see Shankar.

DANNY FARRAGHER

Ringo Starr and his All Starr Band
Birmingham Symphony Hall

Oh come on. Yes, of course it was very Butlins Holiday Camp at times, but what were you expecting, for goodness sake? This is Ringo.

Now, you might say there are two types of performer in the world of popular music: the artist (such as Bob Dylan) and the entertainer (such as Engelbert Humperdink). Ringo Starr has never once professed to be an artist, but he has never stopped being an entertainer. And entertain is what he did supremely well.

"If you don't know this next song, you're in the wrong venue," he told the crowd as he launched, inevitably, into Yellow Submarine, the daft, throwaway children's song from the greatest group of them all, and the track with which Starr will forever be associated. Surrounded by top-notch (if ancient) musicians (all of whom were major players in their time), Ringo - a sprightly 70 years of age - gave us energetic renditions of Honey Don't, Back Off Boogaloo, Photograph, and of course With A Little Help From My Friends.

Starr has suffered over the years at the hands of critics who expected him to be creative like John, Paul and George. As if having three outstanding songwriters in one band was not enough. But it turns out the mop-top caricatures of John the thinker, Paul the romantic, George the mystic and Ringo the clown were pretty accurate after all. At the Symphony Hall he proved he was still the clown, the master entertainer, and actually, a much better drummer than many give him credit for.

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GLASTONBURY 2011

BBC2, 9.45pm

Jo Whiley, Zane Lowe, Mark Radcliffe and Lauren Laverne introduce coverage of Coldplay's headline set on the Pyramid Stage – the third time Chris Martin's band have topped the bill at Worthy Farm. The programme also features highlights from the second day of the festival, which saw acts including Elbow, Jessie J, Fumer, Tinie Tempah, the Chemical Brothers, Big Boi, Janelle Monae, Aloe Blacc, Glasvegas, Battles and Paolo Nutini take to Glastonbury's many stages, as well as reports from around the site and acoustic performances in the BBC's backstage garden.

BBC1

[illegible] Yesterday at Wimbledon. **[illegible]** Breakfast. **[illegible]** Saturday Kitchen Live. **[illegible]** Rachel Allen Home Cooking. (R) **[illegible]** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **[illegible]** Formula 1: The European Grand Prix Qualifying. Live coverage from the Valencia Street Circuit (Start-time 1.00pm). **[illegible]** Wimbledon 2011. Sue Barker presents live coverage from the All England Club. **[illegible]** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **[illegible]** Film: Shark Tale. (2004) Animated adventure, with the voice of Will Smith.

[illegible] Total Wipeout. Adventure game show hosted by Richard Hammond and Amanda Byram. (R)

[illegible] The National Lottery: In It to Win It. New series. Dale Winton hosts the quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big prize. Includes the Lotto, Lotto Plus 5 and Thunderball draws.

[illegible] Casualty. Part two of two. Linda clashes with Tess over management styles.

[illegible] Lee Mack's All Star Cast. With guests Henry Winkler, Shane Richie, Milton Jones and Ulrika Jonsson.

[illegible] BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

[illegible] Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. With John Bishop, Justin Moorhouse, Miles Jupp and Terry Alderton. (R)

[illegible] FILM: Unlawful Entry. (1992) Psychological thriller, starring Kurt Russell and Ray Liotta; Weatherview.

[illegible] BBC News.

BBC2

[illegible] CBeebies. **[illegible]** CBBC. **[illegible]** Wimbledon 2011. Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the sixth day's play at the All England Club, where the men's and ladies' third-round matches are scheduled to reach a conclusion. **[illegible]** Glastonbury 2011. Jo Whiley, Mark Radcliffe and Zane Lowe introduce highlights from the second day of the festival. **[illegible]** Wimbledon 2011. Sue Barker introduces further coverage at the All England Club, where the third-round matches in the men's and ladies' singles are expected to conclude. Weather permitting, the line-up for Monday's last 16 should be decided this evening, with doubles encounters also scheduled to go ahead, and the players will be hoping a backlog of matches do not take place on tomorrow's traditional rest day.

[illegible] Today at Wimbledon. John Inverdale introduces highlights of the sixth day's play at the All England Club, featuring the remaining matches in the third round.

[illegible] Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Actor Benedict Cumberbatch hosts an extended edition of the quiz, with guests Victoria Coren and Jon Richardson joining regulars Ian Hislop and Paul Merton. (R)

[illegible] Glastonbury 2011. Jo Whiley, Zane Lowe, Mark Radcliffe and Lauren Laverne present coverage of Coldplay's set on the Pyramid Stage – the third time the band have topped the bill at Worthy Farm.

[illegible] Close.

ITV1

[illegible] CITV. Mini CITV. **[illegible]** CITV. **[illegible]** House Gift. (R) **[illegible]** Coronation Street. **[illegible]** This Morning: Saturday. **[illegible]** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **[illegible]** The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) **[illegible]** ITV News; Weather. **[illegible]** Film: Holiday On the Buses. (1973) British comedy, starring Reg Varney. **[illegible]** Film: Never Say Never Again. (1983) James Bond adventure, starring Sean Connery. **[illegible]** Regional Programmes.

[illegible] ITV News; Weather.

[illegible] You've Been Framed! Compilation of the show's best clips featuring children. (R)

[illegible] Odd One In. Ruth Langsford and Eamonn Holmes take part.

[illegible] Penn & Teller: Fool Us. Four more acts including a reformed card-sharp try to outwit the illusionists with mind-boggling tricks, in the hope of landing a gig in Las Vegas. Jonathan Ross hosts.

[illegible] The Marriage Ref. Couples take humorous domestic disputes to celebrity panellists, who discuss the merits of each side before deciding which partner is in the right. Dermot O'Leary hosts.

[illegible] ITV News; Weather.

[illegible] FILM: Bridget Jones's Diary. (2001) A woman begins a new year by resolving to find love and give up her bad habits. Comedy, with Renee Zellweger.

[illegible] The Choir That Rocks. (R) **[illegible]** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **[illegible]** In Plain Sight. **[illegible]** ITV Nightscreen. **[illegible]** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

[illegible] The Hoobs. (R) **[illegible]** The Film Show. (R) **[illegible]** FIM Superbike World Championship. (R) **[illegible]** British Formula 3 International Series. **[illegible]** The Morning Line. **[illegible]** T4: Friends. (R) **[illegible]** T4: Hollyoaks Music Show. **[illegible]** T4: 4Play: Alesic Jordan. **[illegible]** T4: Friends. (R) **[illegible]** T4: Jessie J Live in London. (R) **[illegible]** T4: Friends. (R) **[illegible]** T4: Style the Nation. **[illegible]** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **[illegible]** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **[illegible]** Channel 4 Racing. **[illegible]** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **[illegible]** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **[illegible]** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **[illegible]** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

[illegible] Channel 4 News.

[illegible] Wrong Mans. A Muslim explains why he believes the Koran condones organ transplants.

[illegible] FILM: The Parent Trap. (1998) Identical twins who were unaware of each other's existence meet for the first time by accident and try to reunite their parents. Comedy remake, starring Lindsay Lohan.

[illegible] Camelot. Arthur's distraction leads him to neglect his duties, leaving Gawain unclear about the training required for battle.

[illegible] FILM: Brassed Off. (1996) Drama, starring Pete Postlethwaite.

[illegible] Film: Napoleon Dynamite. (2004) Comedy, starring Jon Heder. **[illegible]** Film: American Splendor. (2003) Comedy drama, starring Paul Giamatti. **[illegible]** Bob's Burgers. **[illegible]** Hill Street Blues. (R) **[illegible]** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **[illegible]** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

[illegible] Milkshake! **[illegible]** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **[illegible]** How Do They Do It? (R) **[illegible]** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green – At the Ends of the Earth. (R) **[illegible]** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **[illegible]** Film: Seventh Cavalry. (1956) Western, with Randolph Scott. **[illegible]** Film: Jet Pilot. (1957) Adventure, with John Wayne. **[illegible]** Film: Operation Crossbow. (1965) Second World War adventure, with George Peppard.

[illegible] 5 News Weekend.

[illegible] Cricket. England v Sri Lanka.

[illegible] NCIS. A model is killed while filming a reality TV show at a Marine base, and inquiries point the team toward three suspects – but it later transpires one of them has also been murdered. (R)

[illegible] CSI: NY. A compass holds the key to solving the murder of a nightwatchman. (R)

[illegible] Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. An accusation that a teacher coerced a 15-year-old student into having sex with her is met with the counterclaim by the now-pregnant woman that she was raped by the boy.

[illegible] CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Part two of two. The detectives search for Stokes. (R)

[illegible] Inside Hollywood.

[illegible] SCXTRA. **[illegible]** SuperCasino. **[illegible]** Medic in Moments. (R) **[illegible]** Great Scientists. (R) **[illegible]** HouseBusters. (R) **[illegible]** Hana's Helpline. (R) **[illegible]** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **[illegible]** Thomas & Friends. (R) **[illegible]** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
5.35 Film: King Kong (2005) **[illegible]** Film: Van Helsing (2004) Gothic action adventure, starring Hugh Jackman. **11.35** Film: Constantine (2005)

ITV3
2.15 Film: Columbo: Uneasy Lies the Crown (1990) **[illegible]** Agatha Christie's Poirot **[illegible]** Rosemary & Thyme **[illegible]** Doc Martin **[illegible]** Agatha Christie's Marple **11.05** Film: Air America (1990)

ITV4
0.50 British Touring Car Championship Highlights **[illegible]** Film: The Battle of Midway (1976) **[illegible]** Minder **[illegible]** Film: Falling Down (1993) **[illegible]** Film: The Right Stuff (1983)

BBC THREE
[illegible] Jessie J & Tinie Tempah @ Glastonbury **[illegible]** Paolo Nutini & Friendly Fires @ Glastonbury **[illegible]** Elbow @ Glastonbury **[illegible]** Janelle Monae & the Chemical Brothers @ Glastonbury

BBC FOUR
[illegible] Wild Swimming **[illegible]** The Wonder of Weeds **[illegible]** Wallander **10.25** Botany: A Blooming History **11.25** Top of the Pops: 1976

E4
0.55 Friends **[illegible]** Film: Star Trek: First Contact (1996) **[illegible]** The Big Bang Theory **[illegible]** How I Met Your Mother **[illegible]** Friends **[illegible]** Film: Broken Arrow (1996)

FILM4
2.35 The Nutty Professor (1963) Comedy, starring Jerry Lewis. **[illegible]** Ladies in Lavender (2004) Period drama, starring Judi Dench and Maggie Smith. **[illegible]** How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days (2003) Romantic comedy, starring Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey **[illegible]** Shooter (2007) A former marine sniper framed for the assassination of an African archbishop fights to prove his innocence. Action thriller, starring Mark Wahlberg, Michael Pena and Danny Glover. **[illegible]** Final Destination 3 (2006)

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THE MANY FACES OF MICHAEL CAINE

BBC2, 7pm

Over the past half-century, Maurice Joseph Micklewhite has starred in more than 150 movies, picked up Oscars for Hannah and Her Sisters and The Cider House Rules, a Bafta for Educating Rita, a CBE and a knighthood. Of course, the world knows him better as Michael Caine, and in this show the actor reminisces about his incredible career. Caine's dad had been set against him taking up acting, but the curly-haired youngster was determined to pursue the career, and after appearing in a string of low-budget movies such as The Bulldog Breed, opportunity knocked.

BBC1

[illegible] Yesterday at Wimbledon. (R) [illegible] Breakfast. [illegible] The Andrew Marr Show. [illegible] Sunday Morning Live. [illegible] The Politics Show; Weather for the Week Ahead. [illegible] Formula 1: The European Grand Prix Live. Round eight from the Valencia Street Circuit (Start time 1.00pm). [illegible] EastEnders. [illegible] Songs of Praise. [illegible] My Family. (R)

[illegible] **Horrible Histories with Stephen Fry.** A rich Georgian swaps lives with a peasant. (R)

[illegible] **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**

[illegible] **Fake or Fortune?** Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould investigate a supposedly lost painting by 19th-century American artist Winslow Homer that was found dumped near a rubbish tip.

[illegible] **Countryfile.** Julia Bradbury learns how archaeological remains are kept safe on Salisbury Plain, and Matt Baker helps a team maintain the famous white horse carved into Wiltshire's Cherhill Down. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

[illegible] **Silent Witness.** Part one of two. Harry and Nikki investigate a student's suicide. (R)

[illegible] **BBC News; Regional News; Weather.**

[illegible] **Regional Programmes.**

[illegible] **FILM: The Quiet American.** (2002) Drama, starring Michael Caine; Weatherview.

[illegible] Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) [illegible] Holby City. (R) [illegible] Britain's Secret Seas. (R) [illegible] BBC News.

BBC2

[illegible] CBeebies. [illegible] CBBC. [illegible] Something for the Weekend. [illegible] Film: Born Yesterday. (1950) Comedy, starring Judy Holliday. [illegible] Film: When Time Ran Out. (1980) Disaster adventure, starring Paul Newman. [illegible] EastEnders. [illegible] MotoGP. [illegible] Flog It! [illegible] Glastonbury 2011. Performances from the third day of the festival, including Paul Simon's set on the Pyramid Stage. Presented by Jo Whiley, Mark Radcliffe and Zane Lowe.

[illegible] **The Many Faces of Michael Caine.** The actor reminisces about his movie career, which has spanned more than 50 years. Featuring archive clips woven together with interviews from colleagues and critics.

[illegible] **Top Gear.** New series. A celebration of the Jaguar E-type's 50th anniversary, plus road-tests of a rugged alternative to the Hummer and the BMW 1 Series M Coupe.

[illegible] **Coast.** Nick Crane and the team visit the Devon and Cornwall coastlines, joining a fishing expedition on a Brixham trawler and snorkelling off the Isles of Scilly.

[illegible] **Glastonbury 2011.** Coverage of the final day of this year's festival, which sees Beyonce headlining the Pyramid stage. Presented by Jo Whiley, Mark Radcliffe, Zane Lowe and Lauren Laverne.

[illegible] BBC News. [illegible] The Super League Show. [illegible] Close.

ITV1

[illegible] CITV: Mini CITV. [illegible] CITV. [illegible] May the Best House Win. (R) [illegible] Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) [illegible] 60 Minute Makeover. (R) [illegible] This Morning: Sunday. [illegible] Dinner Date. (R) [illegible] ITV News; Weather. [illegible] Survival: Tales from the Wild. [illegible] Inspector Morse. (R) [illegible] Midsomer Murders. (R)

[illegible] **Regional Programmes.**

[illegible] **ITV News; Weather.**

[illegible] **The Royal.** A secret from Jean's past resurfaces, Dr Weatherill and Sister Brigid deal with a married couple who barely know each other, and Alun finally gets a girlfriend.

[illegible] **Popstar to Operastar.** The five remaining contestants try to master the art of the aria, hoping to secure viewers' votes and impress the judges.

[illegible] **Scott & Bailey.** Janet moves a step closer to tracking down Veronica's killer while investigating a recent murder that bears a number of similarities to the cold case.

[illegible] **Popstar to Operastar: The Results.** The contestants learn who has made it to next week's semi-final.

[illegible] **ITV News; Weather.**

[illegible] **FILM: Wimbledon.** (2004) Romantic drama, with Kirsten Dunst, Paul Bettany, Eleanor Bron and Sam Neill.

[illegible] The Zone; ITV News Headlines. [illegible] British Superbike Championship Highlights. [illegible] Motorsport UK. [illegible] ITV Nightscreen. [illegible] ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

[illegible] The Hoobs. (R) [illegible] The Hoobs. (R) [illegible] The Grid. [illegible] That Paralympic Show. (R) [illegible] T4: Wretch 32's RockCorps: You Decide. (R) [illegible] T4: Style the Nation. [illegible] T4: Friends. (R) [illegible] T4: Hollyoaks. [illegible] T4: Friends. (R) [illegible] T4: Scouting for Girls' RockCorps: You Decide. [illegible] T4: The Simpsons. (R) [illegible] T4: The Simpsons. (R) [illegible] Four in a Bed. (R) [illegible] Four in a Bed. (R) [illegible] Four in a Bed. (R) [illegible] Four in a Bed. (R) [illegible] Four in a Bed. (R) [illegible] Help! My House Is Falling Down. (R) [illegible] Deal or No Deal.

[illegible] **Channel 4 News.**

[illegible] **Mongrels.**

[illegible] **Four Rooms.** Valuing Dee Dee Ramone's guitar and a collection of Matchbox cars. (R)

[illegible] **FILM: Bride Wars.** (2008) Premiere. Two lifelong best friends become bitter rivals when their weddings are scheduled on the same day and at the same venue. Comedy, starring Kate Hudson and Anne Hathaway.

[illegible] **FILM: The Wedding Date.** (2005) A woman without a date for her sister's wedding hires a gigolo – but her decision has unexpected results. Romantic comedy, with Debra Messing.

[illegible] **Steve Coogan: The Man Who Thinks He's It.** Footage of the comedian's 1998 set at the Palace Theatre, Manchester.

[illegible] Stand Up for the Week. (R) [illegible] Chariot Race. (R) [illegible] Ancient Egyptians. (R) [illegible] Men of Iron. (R) [illegible] Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) [illegible] Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

[illegible] Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. [illegible] Roary the Racing Car. (R) [illegible] Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) [illegible] Fireman Sam. (R) [illegible] Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) [illegible] Elmo's World. (R) [illegible] Chloe. (R) [illegible] Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) [illegible] Noddy in Toyland. (R) [illegible] Hana's Helpline. (R) [illegible] Little Princess. (R) [illegible] Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) [illegible] The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) [illegible] Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) [illegible] Rupert Bear. (R) [illegible] Olivia. (R) [illegible] The Mr Men Show. (R) [illegible] The Milkshake! Show. (R) [illegible] Inside Hollywood. [illegible] The Restaurant Inspector. (R) [illegible] Police Interceptors. (R) [illegible] Extreme Fishing with Robson Green – At the End of the Earth. (R) [illegible] Film: Life with Mikey. (1993) Comedy, starring Michael J Fox. [illegible] Film: Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol. (1987) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Guttenberg. [illegible] Film: Dumb and Dumber. (1994) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels.

[illegible] **5 News Weekend.**

[illegible] **FILM: Where Eagles Dare.** (1968) Second World War adventure, starring Richard Burton, Clint Eastwood, Patrick Wymark, Michael Hordern and Mary Ure.

[illegible] **FILM: The Glimmer Man.** (1996) Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal.

[illegible] **UFC 60: Elvis Event.** Matt Hughes v Royce Gracie.

[illegible] SuperCasino. [illegible] Magic in Moments. (R) [illegible] Great Artists. (R) [illegible] Nick's Quest. (R) [illegible] Hana's Helpline. (R) [illegible] The Milkshake! Show. (R) [illegible] Thomas & Friends. (R) [illegible] Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2

6.20 Planet's Funniest Animals. 6.35 Film: Jurassic Park (1993) 9.00 Peter Andre: The Next Chapter 10.00 Film: Inside Man (2006)

ITV3

2.55 Northanger Abbey 4.50 Film: Heaven Can Wait (1978) 6.50 Mr Bean 7.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 Film: Atonement (2007) 11.25 Film: Mystic River (2003)

ITV4

3.20 Film: The Battle of Midway (1976) 6.00 The Sweeney 7.00 Tommy Cooper 7.30 The Vine Live: So I Said to This Bloke 9.00 Johnny Vegas Live at the Benidorm Palace 10.30 Film: Monty Python's The Meaning of Life (1983)

BBC THREE

7.00 Formula 1: The European Grand Prix Highlights 7.45 Plan B @ Glastonbury 8.00 Pendulum & Kaiser Chiefs @ Glastonbury 10.00 Family Guy 10.35 The Streets & Queens of the Stone Age @ Glastonbury

BBC FOUR

7.00 Coldplay at Glastonbury 2011 8.00 For Crying Out Loud 9.00 Rob Brydon's Identity Crisis 10.00 Kool & the Gang at Glastonbury 2011 11.00 Blues Britannia: Can Blue Men Play the Whites?

E4

3.55 Film: School of Rock (2003) 6.00 Friends 7.00 Smallville 8.00 Friends 9.00 Desperate Housewives 11.00 Being Erica 11.55 The Big Bang Theory

FILM4

2.05 Carry On Constable (1960) 4.00 Rooster Cogburn (1975) 6.40 The Day After Tomorrow (2004) A climatologist races across America to rescue his son as freak weather conditions cause devastation around the world. Disaster thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal. 9.00 Heat (1995) A detective becomes obsessed with capturing a highly intelligent career criminal who is planning one last robbery before his retirement. Thriller, with Al Pacino.

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Monday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Crimewatch Roadshow. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Real Rescues. (R) 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage of the fourth-round matches. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Fake Britain. BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Surgery's Dirty Secrets – Panorama. 9.00 Silent Witness. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 A Question of Sport. 11.05 In with the Flynns. (R) 11.35 The Graham Norton Show. (R) Weatherview. 12.25 Sign Zone: Business Nightmares with Evan Davis. (R) 1.25 Luther. (R) 2.25 Animal 24:7. (R) 3.10 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 6.55 CBBC. 9.25 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 12.00 Wimbledon 2011. The men's and ladies' fourth-round singles matches. 3.25 CBBC. 5.30 Wimbledon 2011. Further live coverage of the men's and ladies' fourth-round singles matches. 8.00 Today at Wimbledon. 9.00 Made in Britain. 10.00 James May's Things You Need to Know. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Mock the Week. (R) 11.50 Women's World Cup Highlights. 12.30 The Kennedys. (R) 1.15 BBC News. 3.10 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 3.00 Secret Dealers. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Dinner Date. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Unforgettable Kenny Everett. (R) 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Babies Behind Bars. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: First Blood. (1982) Action thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone. 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.30 Nightwatch with Steve Scott: Emergency. (R) 4.15 ITV Nightscreen. 4.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Back to You. (R) 9.55 Location, Location, Location. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Superscrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. (R) 12.35 My Eden. (R) 12.40 Film: 23 Paces to Baker Street. (1956) Thriller, starring Van Johnson. 2.45 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 The Real Price of Gold: Dispatches. 9.00 Embarrassing Fat Bodies. 10.00 Sirens. 11.05 Film: Trading Places. (1983) Comedy starring Dan Aykroyd and Eddie Murphy. 1.20 Poker's Million Dollar Girl. 2.20 Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. (R) 3.15 Meeting Helen. (R) 3.25 The Last Secret of Dr Crippen. (R) 4.20 Machines Time Forgot. (R) 5.15 Vogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.45 Yo Gabba Gabba! (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 The Wright Stuff Extra with Gabby Logan. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 Law & Order. (R) 3.15 Film: Tidal Wave: No Escape. (1997) Sci-fi disaster movie, with Corbin Bernsen. 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 How Do They Do It?. (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Police Interceptors; 5 News at 9. 9.00 The Restaurant Inspector. Fernando Peire helps a restaurant in Somerset with a lack of customers. 10.00 Film: Freedomland. (2006) Drama based on Richard Price's novel, with Samuel L Jackson and Julianne Moore. 12.20 Crimes That Shook the World. (R) 1.15 SuperCasino. 4.00 Meals in Moments. (R) 4.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 4.55 Rough Guide to Journeys. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 10.00 Spirit of Wimbledon: Fractured Nerves. 10.30 Yesterday at Wimbledon. (R) 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage of the men's singles quarter-finals. 4.25 CBBC. 5.30 Wimbledon 2011. Further live coverage from men's singles quarter-finals day. 8.00 Today at Wimbledon. 9.00 Afghanistan: The Battle for Helmand. 10.00 The Apprentice: You're Fired. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Three Men Go to Venice. (R) 12.20 The Tudors. (R) 1.15 BBC News. 3.20 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 3.00 Secret Dealers. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Dinner Date. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Pond in Paradise. 8.00 Lewis. (R) 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Leah's Dream. (R) 11.35 Baby Hospital. (R) 12.35 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 Film: Matchstick Men. (2003) Crime comedy, starring Nicolas Cage. 4.35 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.05 Sail Mail. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Back to You. (R) 9.55 Relocation, Relocation. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Kirstie's Homemade Home. (R) 1.05 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.20 Film: Dakota Incident. (1956) Western, starring Dale Robertson. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Four in a Bed. 5.30 Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Embarrassing Bodies: Live from the Clinic. 9.00 24 Hours in A&E. 10.05 Desperate Housewives. 11.05 8 Out of 10 Cats. 11.50 Music on 4: Live from Abbey Road. 12.40 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show: Spotlight. 12.55 Music on 4: 4Play: SixD. 1.10 Music on 4: Mercury Prize Sessions. (R) 1.45 Film: Thirteen Conversations About One Thing. (2001) Drama, starring Matthew McConaughey. 3.20 Bob's Burgers. 4.05 Hill Street Blues. 4.55 Vogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.20 Countdown. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 6.55 CBBC. 9.25 CBeebies. 10.00 Spirit of Wimbledon: Grass Rivals. 10.30 Yesterday at Wimbledon. (R) 11.30 Daily Politics. 12.00 Lifeline. (R) 12.10 Coast. (R) 12.30 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage of the ladies' singles semi-finals. 4.25 CBBC. 5.30 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage on day 10 at the All England Club. 8.00 Today at Wimbledon. 9.00 History Cold Case. 10.00 Mock the Week. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Afghanistan: The Battle for Helmand. (R) 12.20 The Tudors. (R) 1.15 BBC News. 3.30 Close.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 6.55 CBBC. 9.25 CBeebies. 10.00 Spirit of Wimbledon: Splendour on the Grass. 10.30 Yesterday at Wimbledon. (R) 11.30 Daily Politics. 12.00 Animal Park. (R) 12.30 Wimbledon 2011. Live coverage of the men's singles semi-finals. 4.25 CBBC. 5.30 Wimbledon 2011. Further coverage of day 11 at the All England Club. 8.00 Today at Wimbledon. 9.00 The Kennedys. 9.45 The Kennedys. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Book Review Show; Weather. 11.55 Women's World Cup Highlights. 12.35 Film: Blue Car. (2002) Coming-of-age drama, starring Agnes Bruckner. 1.55 Close.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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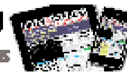

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. He broke all the commandments (5)
8. A measure of space and time (7)
9. To economise is of no avail (7)
10. Medicine balls? (5)
12. Agree to keep in touch (10)
15. A beauty ultimately recognised after years of relative neglect (10)
18. Country gives a Pole discomfort (5)
19. Result of converting sea into land (7)
21. Hide in the South Eastern part of a Mediterranean isle (7)
22. Shakes the soup (5)

Down

1. They call for patient driving (10)
2. Requested a different desk (5)
3. Is the French description of Britain (4)
4. Possibly caves about a famous Roman (6)
5. Suggestion to give a hand? (8)
6. Necessarily being collected? (4,3)
11. Create sleds badly and turns aside (4,6)
13. It would be a pleasure to any Hero's boyfriend! (8)
14. Looking out for a situation for the hands? (2,5)
16. Side number? (6)
17. This Jack has three crosses to bear (5)
20. One may win it by a head (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

7. Jam (5)
8. Came in (7)
9. Serious (7)
10. Spikes (5)
12. Confused fight (4,3,3)
15. Infidelity (10)
18. Natural (5)
19. Component (7)
21. Related (7)
22. Healthy (5)

Down

1. Replaces (10)
2. Flaming (5)
3. In the place (4)
4. Bail (6)
5. Be conspicuous (5,3)
6. Advent (7)
11. Anxiety (10)
13. Cradles (8)
14. Amaze (7)
16. Recompense (6)
17. Object (5)
20. Simple (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: [illegible] QUICK - Across: [illegible] Down: [illegible]

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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8		3						
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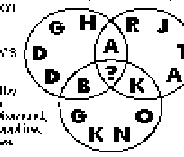
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is A. Diamond, Emerald, Sapphire, all gemstones.

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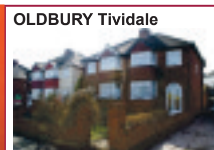

Freda Rise
* Semi detached House
* Three bedrooms
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* spacious accommodation

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Bodenham Road
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* Tastefully presented
* Ideally suited to first time buyer
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* Double glazing to windows

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* Shower room * Double gazing where specified
* Garage

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HALESOWEN

King Charles Road
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* Two reception rooms
* Three bedrooms
* In need of some general modernisation
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HALESOWEN

2 Links View
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* Four double bedrooms
* Kitchen with some appliances
* living & dining rooms
* Ensuite to master bedroom
* Double garage, GCH & DGW
* Available now!

Monthly rent of £895

OLDBURY

38 Hodges Drive
* Superb detached house
* 3 bedrooms
* Living room
* Separate dining room
* Master bedroom with en-suite
* Garage, GCH & DGW
* MUST VIEW

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HALESOWEN

25 Garland Crescent
* Semi detached house
* 3 bedrooms
* upvc d/g to most windows
* 2 living rooms
* Gas boiler/radiator heating system
* Garage

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* Two reception rooms
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* Stylish bathroom suite
* GCH & DG to most windows
* Available now!

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* 2 bedrooms
* shower over bath
* electric heating to some rooms and gas fire to lounge
* modern unfurnished property at an affordable rent
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Water way to cope with problems from drought

Traditional watering cans – less wasteful than a garden hose

After one of the driest springs on record, it's time to get water wise, says Hannah Stephenson

I'M SURE many of us basked in the glorious spring sunshine earlier this year, but beds, borders and pots were drying up before our eyes.

Now, after one of the driest springs on record, some areas are in a state of a drought, raising fears of a possible accompanying hosepipe ban.

The Environment Agency has said that East Anglia is an area of concern.

Other regions may escape drought status, but we all need to do our bit to save what water we do have.

The Environment Agency advises householders not to let water run to waste while waiting for the water to get hot.

Collect it and use it to water your plants. Similarly, collect the running water in your shower before getting in.

Use water-retaining crystals when planting up container plants and invest in a water butt which you can put under a drainpipe or other suitable gully and re-use the water in your garden.

The Royal Horticultural society has come up with 10 tips to help save water this summer.

1) Use waste water from washing-up or rinsing vegetables for watering, as normal amounts of household soaps and detergents will not harm soil or plants.

2) Let your lawns go brown. They will recover when the rains return. Newly sown and turfed lawns will require a lot of watering to be successful, so leave sowing or turfing until the autumn. Lawn seed companies are breeding deeper rooted grasses that hopefully will stay green for longer. These will be worth considering, particularly in drier regions.

3) Vegetables need moist soils to give their best. Water them at key growth stages. The response to water is especially marked when sweetcorn, peas and beans begin to flower, when the edible part of lettuces begins to form and when potatoes show flower buds, which initiate plenty of tubers. Most herbs are robust and better flavoured for a little drought. Digging in organic matter in winter can enable soils to hold enough water for crops to keep going for a month with no rain.

Vulnerable

4) Mature trees, shrubs and climbers, hedges, fruit trees and bushes will not need watering during a drought. However, newly planted trees, shrubs and climbers are extremely vulnerable and it is difficult to ensure the water applied at the surface works its way down to the roots. Don't leave hoses running all night - the water will either saturate the roots and possibly kill them or it will drain deeply below the root zone. Water should always be applied over the surface so it soaks the rootball and surrounding soil.

5) Fruit may remain small if not watered, but it should be sweet and well coloured. Cane fruit and strawberries will benefit by keeping the soil moist every two weeks. In future adding mulches in winter will help improve the soil and retain more moisture.

6) In sunny summers install greenhouse and conservatory shading and ventilation to limit overheating and invest in a min-max thermometer.

7) By grouping pots, ideally in clusters of similar size, watering is made easier and moisture loss reduced. Mass pots for mutual shading and use the largest pots possible. As days lengthen and the sun rises, more plants, especially large-leaved ones, can be gathered in shadier areas. A saucer beneath the pot to retain run-off helps.

8) Don't dig new ground in summer if you can avoid it, as digging soil allows any remaining moisture to escape. Hoe off weeds as shallowly as you can, loosen soil with a fork and 'puddle' plants into the soil, adding a little liquid fertiliser. Adding nutrients helps plants make the best use of what moisture there is by encouraging extensive root growth.

9) Establishing new plants in borders during dry times can be difficult. Instead, pot them into slightly bigger pots and keep well watered and fed in light shade until the autumn planting season arrives.

10) Early summer perennials, irises for example, will survive on moisture left in the soil from winter. Give late summer perennials such as phlox one good watering i n the summer as plants begin to flower, which should be enough. In the longer term, consider planting drought-resistant species in your borders such as grasses, Mediterranean type shrubs such as thymes or phlomis, or sedums and other plants with spiky or succulent leaves.

Salad days – so long as you head off any problems with lettuce

Water lettuce to avoid wilting and watch out for the slugs

SALAD leaves can suffer in warm, dry weather, whether wilting in the hot sun or bolting (running to seed) prematurely, so there are a few measures to take to keep them at their tasty best.

If it's hot, sow seeds in the shade, as scorching weather reduces germination rates, and choose a semi-shaded spot so the plant has relief from the sun at some part of the day.

Keep salad leaves well watered, adding compost to retain moisture before planting, and keep slugs at bay with either slug rings or by picking them off in the evening or after rain, when they are most likely to strike.

To help prevent bolting, mulch around plants and water during dry weather. Remove any plants that have bolted as the leaves will taste bitter and pinch out any flowers that you see developing.

Grey mould or botrytis may be a problem in cold, damp summers. Increase the spacing between plants to reduce the problem and remove any infected material immediately.

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PROPERTY SERVICES

STOURBRIDGE ROAD HALESOWEN

spacious modern three storey End Town House with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, conservatory and downstairs WC On the first floor: Bedroom two, bedroom three and bathroom. On the second floor: Master bedroom and en-suite. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, double glazing, rear patio garden and secure gated allocated parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

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LISSIMORE DRIVE TIPTON

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METROPOLITAN LOFTS DUDLEY

A well presented one bedroom urban style apartment in this prestigious development with accommodation to comprise of: Communal entrance hall, lift to first floor, private entrance hall, open plan lounge/kitchen, double bedroom and shower room. The property further benefits from having double glazing, electric heating and secure gated parking.
FURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

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TIMES SQUARE MERRY HILL

A very well presented one bedroom apartment situated in the heart of the Merry Hill centre, close to all amenities. The accommodation comprises of secure entrance, private entrance hallway, open plan kitchen with integral appliances/lounge. Double bedroom and bathroom. The property further benefits from double glazing, electric heating and secure underground parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO CHILDREN:NO

£495PCM

HOLLY ROAD ROWLEY REGIS

A Two Bedroom End Terrace Victorian property in a popular location. Accommodation comprises of Lounge, breakfast kitchen,two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from having gas fired central heating,double glazing and a rear garden.
UNFURNISHED DSS:NO PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO CHILDREN:YES

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TIMES SQUARE MERRY HILL

An extremely well presented unfurnished one bedroom apartment situated in the heart of the Merry Hill Centre close to all amenities. Accommodation comprises of Video entry system, entrance hall, fitted kitchen, lounge, bedroom and bathroom. The property further benefits from having electric heating and double glazing and allocated parking space.
UNFURNISHED DSS:NO PETS:NO CHILDREN:NO SMOKERS:NO

£450PCM

OVEREND ROAD CRADLEY

A Delightful one bedroom detached property situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall,downstairs cloakroom,lounge, open plan kitchen, bedroom and shower room. The property further benefits from having electric heating, double glazing and gravelled fore garden affording useful off road parking.
UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£450PCM

BARNETT LANE KINGSWINFORD

A Well presented two bedroom flat situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, and bathroom. The property further benefits from having double glazing, electric heating, balcony and off road parking. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£400PCM

STOURBRIDGE ROAD, HALESOWEN

A second floor, one bedroom apartment situated close to Halesowen Town Centre. Accommodation comprises: Communal Entrance hall, private entrance door, lounge with airing and storage cupboard off. Fitted kitchen, double bedroom with en-suite shower room. The property further benefits from double glazing, electric storage heating. Viewing is highly recommended. UNFURNISHED. DSS: NO; PETS: NO; CHILDREN: NO; SMOKERS: NO Available: 22/01/2010

£395 pcm

SWINCROSS ROAD STOURBRIDGE

A very well presented two bedroom, three storey townhouse, situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating and double glazing and driveway . UNFURNISHED DSS:NO CHILDREN:YES PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO

£595PCM

MEADOW PARK ROAD WOLLASTON

A beautifully presented two bedroom semi detached property situated in a much sought after residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Reception hall, lounge, refitted kitchen,two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from having gas central heating, double glazing, lawned fore gaden, driveway with off road parking and lovely rear garden. PART FURNISHED DSS: MAY CONSIDER CHILDREN: YES PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

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WRENS NEST ROAD DUDLEY

A well presented Modern Three Bedroom Family home in a popular residential location:
Accomodation comprises: Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and Downstairs WC. The property further benefits from Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing and Allocated Parking at rear. UNFURNISHED CHILDREN: May Consider DSS: No PETS: No. SMOKERS: No.

£575.00PCM

COLUMBUS AVENUE MERRY HILL

A two bedroom apartment situated on the ever popular Merry Hill Centre complex and close to all amenities. Accommodation comprises of Entrance hall, fully fitted kitchen, Lounge, 2 bedrooms - master with en-suite, and house bathroom. The property further benefits from gas central heating, UPVC double glazing and allocated parking UNFURNISHED DSS: NO PETS:NO SMOKERS:NO CHILDREN: MAY CONSIDER

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HIGHFIELD CRESCENT COLLEY GATE

An extremely well presented three bedroom end terrace property situated in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, downstairs WC, 3 bedrooms, bathroom. The property further benefits from double glazing, central heating, off road parking, rear garden has decked area, raised planted border, lawn & further paved area with brick store. UNFURNISHED DSS:NO CHILDREN:YES PETS:NO SMOKERS: MAY CONSIDER

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GEORGE ROAD HALESOWEN

A Well presented two bedroom Mid Terraced property situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance hall, through lounge diner, fully fitted kitchen, two good sized bedrooms & bathroom. The property further benefits from having off road parking and an enclosed rear garden. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO CHILDREN: YES PETS: MAY CONSIDER SMOKERS: NO

£550PCM

THE QUARTER CLARENCE STREET UPPER GORNAL

An extremely well presented modern two bedroom property situated in a popular residential location. The accommodation comprises of fitted kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom and enclosed rear garden. The property further benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking.
Unfurnished. DSS: MAY CONSIDER CHILDREN:YES PETS:NO SNOKERS:NO

£525.00 PCM

BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD

A very well presented two bedroom second floor Apartment with accommodation comprising of: Communal entrance with video entry phone system & communal staircase to 2nd floor, private entrance hall with built in airing cupboard, open plan lounge/kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from having electric storage heating, double glazing and secure gated complex with parking space. FURNISHED

DSS: NO CHILDREN: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: NO

£500PCM

WOODS CRESCENT QUARRY BANK

A three bedroom semi detached property with accommodation to comprise of lounge, dining kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. Rear garden with patio area and storage brick built sheds The property further benefits from gas central heating and double glazing.
UNFURNISHED DSS: NO SMOKERS: NO PETS: NO CHILDREN: YES

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WOOD ROAD LOWER GORNAL

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LYNDHURST DRIVE WORDSLEY

A two bedroom semi -detached property in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise: Entrance Hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property further benefits from having gas fire central heating, double glazing and front and rear gardens. UNFURNISHED DSS: NO PETS: NO SMOKERS: YES CHILDREN: YES

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MADELEY ROAD KINGSWINFORD

A two bedroom first floor apartment with accommodation to comprise of hallway, lounge,kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms. The property benefits from partial gas central heating and partial double glazing and parking at the rear of the property.
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Volvo eco car crosses Europe on a single tank

By Matt Joy

IF you've managed to get this far in your motoring life without sparing a thought for fuel bills or the environment, then I'm secretly impressed.

There's nothing like the tide of public opinion to raise something to the top of the agenda.

It wasn't that long ago that hardly anyone knew about carbon dioxide emissions, but these days it's more socially acceptable to banter about g/km than bhp.

Volvo isn't ashamed to admit it's been in the business of making family cars for decades now; it knows what works and what doesn't.

Its long-deserved reputation for safety is ever-present, yet perhaps of greater interest now is an emphasis on creating cars that are good to look at and very economical too. An impossible combination maybe?

The new V60 DRIVe represents a serious attempt to fill all those roles. You should be familiar with the regular V60 by now: A slick, modern Volvo right down to its core and yet still able to do the boring stuff.

But the DRIVe model brings with it the ability to achieve some remarkably efficient figures. Try 62.8mpg and 119g/km for the V60, a fraction better for the S60 saloon.

What's more, rather than the pie-in-the-sky figures that many seem to think the official statistics are, a little application makes them achievable.

To prove it, Volvo set the task of driving a new V60 DRIVe from its UK headquarters in Marlow to Mayrhofen in Austria on a single tank of fuel.

My geography is poor at the best of times, but I know that 840 miles without refuelling is no mean feat.

Sponsor

It was worth the effort, though, as Volvo is the key sponsor of the Snowbombing Festival which combines winter sports with some top-drawer music acts. It seemed a long way away at the starting point, however.

Even starting with the M25 couldn't diminish the V60's qualities.

Despite not even being run in yet (and anyone will tell you that diesels in particular don't really get going until they have more than 1,000 miles on them), the 1.6-litre diesel unit gave the kind of low-speed pull that we've come to expect, thanks to the 199lb/ft of torque available from just 1,750rpm.

There's a six-speed manual gearbox too, rather than the five speeds with which many eco-specials are lumbered.

The V60 rattled off the 100 miles to Folkestone and the Channel Tunnel crossing with little effort, and once on the French side sticking to a steady 75mph was much easier.

The cabin did a fine job of looking after its occupants too, with seats that are very supportive and comfortable.

There's a healthy complement of equipment, too, as this is no stripped-out economy model.

Better still, if you go for the R-Design model innocent passers-by would mistake it for the hot model in the range.

R-Design gets you very attractive and large alloy wheels and a tasteful bodykit for sportiness – but not showiness – and sharper suspension.

Much as we'd like the more handsome version here, we were thankful for the softest suspension over broken French roads.

By the end of day one we were comfortably in excess of 60mpg, with 420 miles still to go and more than half a tank do it with.

Day two meant getting on with it. Not only did we have all those miles to cover, but there was the party at the end of it.

The temptation of derestricted autobahn through Germany was largely resisted, although we did up the pace a little as even in a comfortable and attractive cabin, the seven-hundredth motorway mile was beginning to grate. We also began to make even more use of the impressive cabin space. As with any road trip the amount of accumulated detritus increases but the V60 swallowed it all quite happily.

The increased sense of urgency had also chipped away at our average economy, and so as we approached Mayrhofen we had to fully exploit the road-holding in order to avoid braking unless absolutely necessary – thankfully the V60 was faithful, benign and grippy, despite low-rolling resistance tyres.

Remarkably, and despite the seemingly dubious end to the story, the V60 indicated zero fuel in the tank and zero range with 15 miles still go.

Reserve

Holding our breath and everything else (particularly over the level crossing) it trundled happily up to the hotel without a single cough or splutter.

A total of 830 miles down, 56.4mpg on the trip computer.

It might not be the kind of thing that a family would undertake regularly, but the point was proven emphatically.

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Solicitors' warning on danger of that summer hire car

WITH summer holidays around the corner, many Britons are planning their annual break, but as they pack sun cream, swimsuits, passports and hire car documents, there are two vital items many forget.

Checking up on the local rules of the road and making yourself familiar with your hire car's layout could save your life, according to top UK personal injury lawyers Russell Jones & Walker (RJW) who every year deal with a multitude of claims stemming from accidents abroad, ranging from simple shunts to tragic fatalities.

Matthew Tomlinson, who heads up the Foreign Claims division of RJW's Road Traffic Accident unit, explained: "People arrive at the airport, pick up their hire car and drive straight off to their apartment or hotel, often unaware that unfamiliarity with the layout of a hire car, getting accustomed to driving on the "wrong" side of the road and general fatigue after what may have been a long journey makes them at their most vulnerable during their first hour of driving overseas.

Liability

"And if you are unfortunate enough to be injured in an accident, you need to remember you will be subject to the rules of the country where the accident occurred in relation to limitation, liability and indeed the value of a claim."

Mr Tomlinson recommends a simple check list for holiday makers to follow when they arrive at the airport or ferry port:

● If you've arranged a hire car, no matter how tired you are spend at least 10 minutes familiarising yourself with the car's layout: Indicators, lights, windscreen wipers etc. You don't want to turn on the windscreen wipers instead of tooting the car horn when you're trying to warn a person who has just stepped out into the road in front of you. A simple check of the driving controls could be a life saver.

● If you're in your own car, you MUST have the full quota of European driving essentials, including a reflective warning triangle and high visibility vest. Hire cars should supply the full kit.

● If you're in your own car, make sure you've got a GB sticker and you've fitted a headlamp beam adaptor.

● Stick to the main carriageways. In a right-hand drive car, you're sitting in the wrong place to spot potential hazards when you're driving on picturesque, winding roads. Ditch the view, stay safe.

● Plan your route and don't rely on Satnav to get you to your destination. There are plenty of tales of people ending up hundreds of miles away from where they wanted to go because they didn't bother to look at a map but just did as their Satnav told them.

● If you don't speak the language of the country you're visiting, at least learn a few key phrases. In an accident, time is of the essence and you shouldn't assume everyone speaks English.

If you are unlucky enough to be in an accident caused by a second party, many people mistakenly believe they must file their claim for damages in that country.

"You can bring your claim back to the UK," said Mr Tomlinson, "and you'd be well advised to do so, as in the UK, the insurers of the person liable for the accident will pay you damages and your legal costs.

"If you bring your claim abroad, yes you get damages, which are assessed in accordance with local rules, but your costs may well be paid out of that sum."

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Swift range official fuel consumption figures in mpg (L/100km): urban from 44.5 (6.3) to 46.3 (6.1), extra urban from 57.6 (4.9) to 64.2 (4.4), combined from 54.4 (5.2) to 56.5 (5.0). Official CO2 emissions from 120g/km to 116g/km. Alto range official fuel consumption figures in mpg (L/100km): urban from 42.3 (6.7) to 51.4 (5.5), extra urban from 62.8 (4.5) to 74.3 (3.8), combined from 54.3 (5.2) to 64.2 (4.4). Official CO2 emissions from 122g/km to 109g/km. Grand Vitara 2.4 SZ3 3 door official fuel consumption figures in mpg (L/100km): urban from 25.0 (11.3), extra urban from 38.2 (7.4), combined from 32.1 (8.8). Official CO2 emissions 205g/km.

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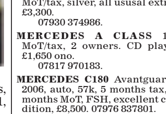

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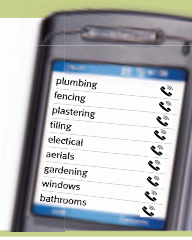

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OUTGOING sociable young female, 33, average looks, likes pubs, clubs, bowling, cinema, seeks gent, 33-45. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362769**

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 46, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 384852**

LOVING caring young 67yr old female, 5ft 2ins, slim size 12, brown hair, likes meals out, GSOH, smoker, seeks slim, smart male with GSOH, 58-62. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364651**

FEMALE likes meals out, cinema, nights in, seeks male for fun and friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361871**

WENDY dark hair/eyes, medium build, seeks male for friendship and see what happens. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361589**

LADY 70's, seeks gent of similar age for friendship, days out and holidays. Dudley area. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361043**

HELEN 38, one child, blonde hair, 5ft 6ins, slim, attractive, likes swimming, dancing, seeks male, 43-53 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 331399**

MICHELLE black British, 30, curvy, slim, size 12, 5ft 5ins, sociable, friendly, understanding, loving, seeks male, 30-36 to enjoy romantic nights. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 317945**

SLIM professional, attractive, amiable lady, 55, seeks genuine, articulate, professional gent, 55 plus with GSOH and enjoys the good things in life. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356411**

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YOUNG looking, pretty female, 40, brunette, slim, no ties, N/S, seeks attractive, refined male for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 313115**

MARIA 38, blonde, 5ft 5ins, caring, likes nights in/out, seeks caring male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 329319**

ATTRACTIVE female, 42, slim, brunette, no ties, N/S, likes travel, nights out, weekends away, seeks slim male for possible relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327579**

KIND romantic, loving lady, 43, slight disability, seeks genuine, caring male for relationship. Telford. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 354533**

ATTRACTIVE female, 45, slim, affectionate, intelligent, seeks honest, caring male for fun and friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 301001**

GENUINE caring, mid 60's female, many interests, GSOH, seeks kind, genuine, loyal male for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327465**

SLIM curvy blonde, 44, professional, seeks tall, professional male, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 171231**

28YR old brunette, seeks fun loving, adventurous male for relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 380918**

ATTRACTIVE glamorous, black female, young 44, seeks male for friendship/dating and LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339799**

PETITE dark haired lady, 43, size 10, seeks considerate, N/S male, 25-50 for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 338651**

WEST Bromwich female, late 50's, modern, romantic, easygoing, seeks active, genuine male, 45-60 for LTR. Driver preferred. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 336759**

LIZ 65, slim, green eyes, likes gardening, walks, seeks male with GSOH for friendship and good dates. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 336767**

YOUNG at heart lady, mid 70's, seeks male friend to enjoy outings and companionship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 335821**

TRACEY seeks special N/S, easygoing, loving, caring, loyal male to share life with. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 335781**

72YR old widower, smart, likes travel, conversation, dancing, cooking, missing that special man in her life who is easygoing and N/S. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349265**

ATTRACTIVE slim blonde, 45, seeks honest, caring, genuine male, 45-55 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349651**

53YR old female, young at heart, likes cinema, theatre, meals out, pubs, walks, holidays, seeks genuine, trustworthy male, 48-56. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339275**

ATTRACTIVE Tall, black female, 51, 6ft, slim-medium build, kind, honest, considerate, own home, seeks genuine, tall, faithful, 6ft plus male, 45-70 with own home for serious relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 349211**

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WEST Midlands female, 4, attractive, slim, divorced, N/S, seeks slim, clean, attractive male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 343735**

LISA 32, size 8, seeks male, 32-48 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 346713**

PROFESSIONAL tall, slim, attractive, bubbly, genuine lady, seeks tall, professional, genuine guy, 40-50. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 215244**

BLONDE attractive, educated lady, tall, slim, curvy, 47, seeks tall, professional, 40-52. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362478**

MAUREEN seeks male 32-45 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 323543**

LADY 76, N/S, caring, respectable, WLTM gentleman, 70-76 for outings, holidays, day trips and friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 340021**

WIDOWED female, 65, likes socialising, holidays, meals out, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 339765**

ATTRACTIVE slim female, 64, divorced, truthful, 5ft 3ins, modern, young at heart, seeks genuine, nice looking, clean male, 57-67. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 338315**

FEMALE medium build, seeks nice N/S male, 40-42 for fun and friendship, maybe more. West Midlands. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 337985**

PRETTY size 8 female, 19, seeks male to spoil and treat her like a Princess. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 335019**

GENUINE West Bromwich female, smoker, many interests, seeks fit male, driver preferred for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334841**

LADY 50, slim, GSOH, likes cooking, nights out, seeks genuine guy, 50-55 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 333183**

WIDOW black hair, green eyes, likes countryside, pubs, music, nights in, seeks similar male. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 332231**

BLACK female, 38, seeks male, 30-50, adventurous, fun loving, daring and caring. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327355**

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MALE 64, 5ft 10ins, likes nights in/out, travel, holidays, seeks active, N/S female, 55-68 for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 369743**

41YR old male, 6ft, dark hair, likes cosy nights in and good times out, seeks female to share good times with, maybe more. Wolverhampton. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 369663**

ATTRACTIVE male, N/S, OHAC, GSOH, easygoing, no ties, seeks very attractive female, 35-50 for friendship, hopefully LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 369625**

GOOD looking mid 50's male, hurt in past, seeks attractive lady, 40-50 to help re-build life. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 369997**

ATTRACTIVE tall, dark, professional male, 45, likes sports, socialising, good company, seeks attractive lady with GSOH who enjoys life and wants some fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 369895**

5FT 6ins male, blue eyes, black hair, likes holidays, GSOH, seeks **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 369705**

31YR old, slim, dark hair, creative, adventurous, seeks nice female to share happiness and life with. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 352753**

KIND fun South Shropshire male, handsome, fit, seeks slim, attractive, independent lady up to 45 for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 303279**

ROBERT slim, intelligent, N/S, 50's, seeks attractive, younger female for uncomplicated friendship and fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 312443**

42YR old guy, seeks female, 30-40 for LTR. Coventry. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368275**

BLACK male, 50, young looking, likes nights in/out, seeks female, 28-60 for fun. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368463**

70YR old Shropshire male, seeks company of lady, 65-70 for friendship/companionship and to end the loneliness, car owner, can travel. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368291**

ATTRACTIVE male, N/S, easygoing, no ties, seeks female, 35-43 for friendship, hopefully LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368327**

SINGLE guy, seeks nice lady for fun, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364395**

AFTAR 43, kind, caring, likes days in/out, seeks female, 28-40 for fun, maybe more. Sutton Coldfield. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 366853**

43YR old male, black hair, fun, bubbly, seeks special female for fun, cuddles and maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368295**

SPORTY good looking guy, 37, OHAC, good job, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, nights in, seeks attractive female, 27-42. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364633**

ALFIE 44, black hair, seeks female, any age for fun, friendship, cuddles, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368267**

MALE 47, 5ft 9ins, warm, intelligent, hardworking, unconventional, unpretentious, likes books, museums, days out, laughing, seeks sensitive, intelligent female. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 369067**

MALE 51, tattooed, pierced, seeks likeminded female for fun and good times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 369021**

ATTRACTIVE professional, Asian gent, 50 something, likes cinema, walks, wine, seeks attractive, special lady, 30-50 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368965**

SINCERE kind male, young 60's, intelligent, caring, likes outdoors, theatre, film, seeks attractive female, 50 plus with style, wit and a submissive side for LTR. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 369343**

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EASYGOING male, 40, seeks female for good times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 366957**

BRIAN 60 single Walsall male, WLTM local lady having similar needs, hopefully slim-medium build. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 366629**

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BARRY slim 6ft, 66, clean, good looking, active, seeks female. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361471**

YOUNG 60yr old male, tall, fit, friendly, seeks similar lady for friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361489**

MALE 60, tall, fit, young looks, seeks special lady, 50-58. West Bromwich. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 367741**

WHITE male 50, seeks lady interested in naughty indoor fun and a lasting friendship. Any age/looks/nationality. Wolverhampton. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 367555**

SHY Muslim male, 45, 5ft 7ins, N/S, non drinker, medium build, short hair, no ties, hurt in past, honest, reliable, varied interests, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 340145**

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31YR old gay male, own home, seeks male, 18-35 for fun meets. Wolverhampton. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368599**

MALE 34, attractive, 5ft 10ins, blue eyes, blond hair, seeks slim male for fun relationship. Any area, can travel. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 311892**

48YR old CD male, WLTM similar or understanding guy for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 368527**

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Nine-wicket win as Waterfront open lead

WATERFRONT took a clear lead at the top of the Wilden Cricket League's Premier Division.

They restricted previously-unbeaten Pedmore to 105-6 and polished off the runs with nine wickets to spare in the Wilden Industrial Estates-sponsored competition.

The only other Premier Division match to survive the weather came at Lye, where Lye A beat West Hagley A by 120 runs.

In Division A Nadeem Hussain top-scored with 36 as Lye B beat Gas by 56 runs.

Stagborough enjoyed a comfortable eight-wicket victory over Bewdley Nomads, with Spencer Colley smashing three sixes in his 44 and Ben Dudley (14 not out) launching one over the ropes for the winning runs.

The two winless sides in Division B, Three Crowns and Sportsman went head to head.

And it was Three Crowns who triumphed by 73 runs with excellent bowling figures returned by John Brighton (4-8) and Liam Fidoe (4-13).

Sportsman were knocked over for a miserable total of 64.

They had been trying to better Three Crowns' impressive score of 147-4.

Elsewhere in Division B Enville are still unbeaten at the top.

They saw off Areley Kings by 57 runs while Bewdley Arches beat Bayton thanks largely to 47 runs from D Taylor.

Himley hold on to take a draw

HIMLEY'S Birmngham League title chances were hit when they suffered a losing draw to leaders Barnt Green in the top-of-the-table clash.

Batting first in a match reduced to 53 overs, Barnt Green went to 200-6 thanks in part to Dougie Brown (54) before a further rain break reduced Himley's reply to 45 overs.

They were in trouble but clung on at 138-9.

Walsall were another side whose last-wicket partnership staved off defeat, in their case against champions Shrewsbury.

In another match reduced to 53 overs, Shrewsbury went on to post 239-8.

Walsall were 58-1 and 117-2 after openers Jack Manuel and Paul Baker scored 42 each.

Sparked

But Joe Leach's bowling, which included a spell of five wickets in 17 balls, sparked a collapse to 154-9.

Smethwick had to settle for a losing draw despite having 56 overs to chase down 207 against Knowle & Dorridge as Aurrol Kirnon picked up 4-53.

Mo Sheikh's unbeaten 109 took Smethwick close but the hosts were restricted to 189-8.

West Bromwich Dartmouth thrashed Moseley by nine wickets.

Aatif Ali (3-21), Imran Khan (2-19) and Jeet Raval (2-6) were among the wickets as Moseley collapsed to 106 all out.

Unbeaten knocks from Kiwi Raval (47) and Rawlston Tappin (50) secured an easy success.

Wolverhampton suffered a five-wicket defeat to Wellington despite Aneesh Kapil's 113.

Claimed

Neil Pinner claimed 6-48 as Kidderminster defeated Leamington Spa (167-8) by eight wickets.

An unbeaten 107 from Craig Wood and Andrew Kimberlin's 34 saw Kidder home.

In Division One, Old Hill gained 14 points in their rain-hit clash with Evesham.

The Black Country side reached 251-4 thanks to unbeaten innings from Mark Fisher (77) and Nigel Davenport (61).

Evesham progressed to 84-1 before the weather intervened.

CLICKETY-CLICK – ALL OUT FOR 66

Droitwich Spa (1pt) 66, Stourbridge (20pts) 67-3. Stourbridge won by seven wickets

STOURBRIDGE crushed Droitwich Spa after Stour skipper Richard Bradley made the best use of his good fortune in winning the toss.

He put the opposition in on a track that promised help for bowlers. The rewards were rich as Droitwich were all out for 66 in the 32nd over.

Stourbridge Cricket Club

Droitwich fought back with three quick wickets but were unable to stop Stour banking another 20 points to remain top of the Worcester league, ***writes Harilal Patel.***

Under heavy cloud cover Stour opening pair James Musk and 19-year-old Jitesh Patel between them bowled 14 overs for 13 runs for three wickets.

Knock

Top scorer was Mike Rogers with 18 while Dave Jones was again in the wickets, finishing with 3-27.

Stour were in difficulties at 25-3 but a skipper's knock of 22 by Bradley and a sprightly 24 from Audy Alexander stopped the rot. Bradley got his team home with a six off Jake Young in the 13th over.

Stourbridge (17pts) 188, Droitwich Spa (4pts) 104-9. Draw

Stourbridge seconds took a wining draw with skipper Feraz Irfan spinning his way to 4-27 and teenager Ben Mantom masterminding a handsome 68 on his home pitch.

Asked to bat first, Stour went on to an unlikely score of 188 in the 49th over.

Their openers Ryan Willetts (9) and Ian Biddle (13) went cheaply to Calvin Van Vuuren but Mantom's fighting knock, backed by paceman James Winders (22), kept his side in the game. Gary Cartwright took 5-36.

Droitwich started well but lost their way and eventually crawled to a total of 104-9.

Halesowen (16pts) 220, Stourbridge (7pts) 135-9. Draw

Matt Watts shepherded the Stourbridge thirds tail to a draw in a match they were in danger of losing.

Skipper Peter Griffiths won the toss and asked Halesowen to bat in a game which was affected by rain.

Wickets fell regularly until Eddie Rhodes (69) and Harry Williams (41) came together and the scoring rate accelerated to 220 all out in 48 overs.

Nineteen-year-old medical student Tariq Humayun led the way with four wickets in his two spells.

Until the last 10 overs Stour bowled tightly, openers Ben Green and Heran Patel operating accurately without any reward.

First change Dave Colesby took four wickets, including two caught off his own bowling, while Matt Jeavons grabbed two by resorting to short-pitched deliveries.

But the last 10 overs saw the home side accelerate to push their innings total past the 200 mark

Stour, facing 40 overs in reply, lost wickets regularly until Steve Colesby and Humayun Tarique scored 28 and 27 respectively to hold the middle order together.

The tail, marshalled, by Watts held out for a losing draw.

Halesowen (6pts) 168-8, Stourbridge (13pts)167-6. Draw

Father and son Keith and Callum Lister took Stourbridge fourths to within an ace of snatching victory only to end up with a winning draw.

Skipper Alex Dent inserted Halesowen and saw his young side restrict them to 168-8 off 45 overs.

Adrian Bullock (38), Richard Tromans (32) and Alex Bullingham (25) were the main providers. Future prospects Umar Khalid and James Bird took two wickets each.

The home side were left with 35 overs after a rain break to chase down the total.

Opener Lister senior hit 42 with 15-year-old Callum making his personal best this season of 65.

Stour couldn't quite get there at 167-6 but their superior run rate gave a winning draw.

Youngsters off to Twickenham

The Greenfield tag rugby team at Tally Ho! police headquarters

PUPILS from Greenfield Primary school in Stourbridge are set for a dream day at rugby union HQ, Twickenham.

They finished second in the regional tag rugby competition at West Midlands Police training centre, Tally Ho!

The squad of 12 pupils, aged nine to 11, competed against 11 other young teams across the region.

The team has been coached by Stourbridge Police Community Support Officer Renato Di Bernardo for the second year running.

He said; "The team had a great day and are very excited about the next round, as they have now qualified for the regional Tag 2 Twickenham final, including teams from West Mercia, Staffordshire and Warwickshire Police."

The police Tag Rugby programme has been running since 2002 thanks to Child Victims of Crime, a national police children's charity set up in 1993 in response to the aftermath of the Warrington bombing.

PCSO Di Bernardo added; "Myself and Pc Darren Jukes are extremely proud of the boys and girls in the team for their dedication.

"They come along every week to practise and it has certainly paid off."

Horton finishes up with the gold

SIX Stourbridge Swimming Club representatives made their way to Coventry for the top annual competition in the Midlands – and Brittany Horton came back with gold.

The competition is spread over two weekends with age group championships for the best in the Midlands.

Stourbridge's qualifiers were Horton, Emily Bennett, Aaron Costigan, Adam Horton, Tom McCallum and Sam Matthews. Adam Horton was top of the qualifiers list with no fewer than seven swims, a fine achievement.

Matthews, enjoying his first Midlands Championships, qualified in four events and finished in the top 10 in his favourite two, the 100m and 200m breaststroke.

Ranked

But Brittany Horton, having just missed a medal when fourth in the 200m backstroke, took to the water in the last event of the day for her favoured 100m backstroke.

She was ranked fourth but blew away the competition to take gold, smashing her personal best time in the process.

Apart from the individual qualifiers the girls qualified for the 13s and under 4x100m medley relay. The team of Brittany Horton, Lucy Furnell, Aimee Sanders and Chloe Lowe beat their entry time by over a second and defeated Worcestershire rivals City of Hereford by 11 seconds with Horton and Lowe both recording new personal bests.

Junior head coach Becky Simkins said: "The relay team were awesome, there were plenty of personal best times and to finish off on the last day with Brittany taking the Midlands Championship title really is the icing on the cake."

The club is looking for new members. Call head coach Stew Nicklin on 07834 689178.

Only two teams to win remain locked at the top

Worcester Cricket League with Chris Marsh

DIVISION ONE now sees Stourbridge and Nomads still engaged in a tussle at the top as both sides yet again recorded the only victories.

Stourbridge skipper Richard Bradley called correctly at Droitwich who were skittled for 66.

Nomads captain Ben Schiffmann won the toss at home to Romsley and from that moment, the result of a rain-shortened match was never really in doubt.

All-rounder William O'Driscoll followed up last week's display with 6-32 and 57 as Nomads overcame Romsley's 142 all out, taking just 21 overs to win by five wickets.

Pershore drew for the fifth time and have the section's highest number of bonus points, but how they wished for a little less rain and a home win against Bewdley.

Oldswinford bossed their home game with local rivals Pedmore and Astwood Bank did likewise at home to Redditch but neither could complete the job.

The final game in the division was a remarkable one as Worcester piled up 264-8 in their 50 overs. They were left frustrated, though, by Dinusha Fernando who scored 111 while his Bromyard teammates contributed 52 between them in a winning draw tally of 163-9 in 30 overs.

In **Division Two** Hagley's stay at the top was brief after third-placed Coombs Wood took a winning draw at the Hall and Colwall returned to winning ways with a big home success over Netherton. This trio are now 21 points clear of Monmouth who lost for a second successive week, this time at Feckenham.

Elsewhere, Belbroughton drew at Burghill and Wormelow beat Dominies by one wicket to ease their lowly position as basement boys Malvern and Kidderminster drew in Malvern.

Division Three saw Rushwick's march unchecked by Old Vigornians who they sent to the other end of the table and Alvechurch are second, 33 points behind, after losing at Cookley. Harborne and Enville snatched winning draws batting second at home to Stourport and Birlingham respectively.

Harvington recovered from 70-7 to 238-9 thanks to Morne Pornelis' fighting 142 but Chaddesley held out at 94-8.

In **Division Four** leaders Tenbury lost at Brintons, which enabled Stourbridge Social to snatch a one-point lead at the top after they beat Alveley thanks to Richard Milner's 101 not out.

Avoncroft and Martley booth beat higher placed opponents in Himley and Amblecote respectively.

Division Five's head-to head at Old Hill saw the home side manage only a losing draw against Bromsgrove.

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